

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District

Central's facilities are comprised of nearly thirty reservoirs (including Lake McConaughy and Ogallala, Johnson Lake, Elwood Reservoir), hundreds of miles of canals, and four hydropower plants.

Central provides irrigation water directly through five hundred miles of canals to customers to irrigate more than 100,000 acres of farmland. Central also provides irrigation water to thousands more surface water and groundwater irrigated acres through storage water contracts for canals and through groundwater recharge.

Central's Kingsley Hydro is the largest hydropower plant in Nebraska, and Central's four hydropower plants combine to be the largest hydropower system in Nebraska.

In addition to irrigation and hydropower, Central's system provides numerous other benefits, including water-based recreation and environmental benefits.

Central is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors elected from Keith, Lincoln, Dawson, Gosper, Phelps, and Kearney Counties. Central does not receive tax revenues; the funds for operating and maintaining Central's facilities is generated from revenues from services provided, such as irrigation contracts, hydropower sales, and recreation leases.