

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, HOLDREGE, NE
OCTOBER 2, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

This meeting was publicly advertised in accordance with Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes by notices on KRVN (Lexington) and KUVR (Holdrege) radio stations on September 25, 2017, by legal publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 27, 2017, by legal publication in the North Platte Telegraph on September 26, 2017, and by legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen and Kearney Hub on September 25, 2017, giving the time, date, and place of the meeting and the information that the Agenda was available in advance at the Office of the Assistant Secretary.

Individual cards giving the time, date, and place of this meeting were mailed to the Directors on September 14, 2017.

The following Directors were present:

Dudley L. Nelson, President	Geoffrey K. Bogle	K. Scott Olson
David L. Rowe, Vice President	Ronald E. Fowler	Robert L. Petersen
Martin E. Mueller, Secretary	William E. Knoerzer	Gordon N. Soneson
Robert B. Dahlgren, Treasurer	David G. Nelson	

The following Director was absent: Roger D. Olson

Don D. Kraus, General Manager	Dave R. Ford, Irrigation Division Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Jeff J. Buettner, Public Relations Coord.
Cory A. Steinke, Civil Engineer	Holly Rahmann, Public Relations Assistant
Eric R. Hixson, Engineering Services Mgr.	Jim Brown, Land Administrator
Michael A. Drain, Natural Resources Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Devin M. Brundage, Gothenburg Div. Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present were:

Charles Brooks, Tri-Basin NRD	Lori Potter, Kearney Hub
Dean Nelson	

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The Board President announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 9:00 AM, the Board President, Dudley L. Nelson, announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Charles Brooks, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District's land coordinator, was present to thank the Directors for their donations to the Platte Valley Weed Management Area to fight phragmites along the Platte River. He reported they are making decent progress with controlling the invasive plants and handed out a recent edition of the Weed Watch newsletter.

CONSENT AGENDA: President Nelson asked the Directors if there were items they wished to be removed from the following consent agenda, to be discussed and voted on individually.

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 5, 2017**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 22, 2017**
- **Approval of the October Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check # 53047-VOID; Check #s 55305 through 55499 and 8899470 through 8899488 (Accounts Payable)	\$812,244.45
Check #s 9913949 through 9914052 (Payroll)	\$345,542.89

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 2960 through 2964 (Accounts Payable)	\$90,846.62
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J-2 Regulating Reservoir Construction Fund:

Check # 1255 (Accounts Payable)	\$211.10
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Glendo Division:

Check # NONE	\$NONE
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Flex Spending Account:

Check #s 8098 through 8100	\$699.40
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- **Approval of a Request to Expand Lot at 25 Northeast Cove, Johnson Lake to expand the lot size of 25 Northeast Cove by selling the leasehold interest in portion of an adjacent lot consisting of 11,243 ft² to the customer and accepting their offer of \$20,000**
- **Approval of a Request to Partner with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lake McConaughy to furnish monetary assistance from the Lake Improvement Fund in an amount of approximately \$1,195.26 to partner with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as requested for the “Leave Only Your Footprints, Please” signs at Lake McConaughy**

It was moved by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

LAKE MCCONAUGHY LESSEES, INC.: This was discussed in Closed Session.

ROBB RANCH EROSION ISSUE: This was discussed in Closed Session.

REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS (PECK & JARTOP/REED): There was nothing new to report.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – COTTONWOOD RANCH DIVERSION PROJECT: Don Kraus explained there have been no changes to this document since it was presented at the September 22, 2017 Committee Meeting of the Board and it is currently under legal review.

It was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director Fowler to approve the Water Service Agreement for the Cottonwood Ranch Diversion Project with the Nebraska Community Foundation and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, subject to legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

WATER SUSTAINABILITY FUND APPLICATION and WATER RESOURCES CASH FUND: Don Kraus stated although an application to the Water Sustainability Fund has been submitted, he learned from Jennifer Schellpeper at the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources of possible funding available through the Water Resources Cash Fund. Schellpeper is attending a Platte Basin Coalition meeting where she will gauge the amount of support for funding for the Rainwater Basin Enhancement Project. Kraus recommends proceeding with signing an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for funding through the Water Resources Cash Fund for the

Rainwater Basin Enhancement Project and withdrawing the Water Sustainability Fund application.

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Dave Nelson to approve an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for funding from the Water Resources Cash Fund for the Rainwater Basin Enhancement Project, and in the event funding is approved to withdraw the application to the Water Sustainability Fund. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

PERSONNEL: This was discussed in Closed Session.

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner attending a hearing on September 22, 2017 regarding LR125 which relates to public power and retail choice in Nebraska.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: **It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve the absence of Roger D. Olson from the meeting. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

OPERATIONS REPORT: The following operations reports were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,249.7, 1.31 million acre feet, 75.5% capacity and rising about an inch per day. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are at 1,988 cfs, with releases halted for maintenance projects on facilities owned by Central and NPPD.
- b. Devin Brundage stated crews are dredging in the Supply Canal and conducting maintenance along the shoreline at Jeffrey Lake.
- c. Jim Brown reported the Land Administration staff have been busy issuing shoreline stabilization permits due to the low lake levels.
- d. Jeff Buettner, John Thorburn and Dave Ford recently conducted an interview with Fred Knapp from NET radio regarding the Platte to Republican Diversion Project.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens reported that the irrigation bills were mailed out last week and employee health screenings will occur this week.
- f. Dave Ford gave his annual end of irrigation season summary to the Board. Deliveries to Central's 1,075 customer accounts averaged 7.2 inches/acre with more than 60,500 acre-feet of water delivered. The 2017 average was about two inches less than average over the past 20 years. More than 101,800 acre-feet of water during the irrigation season went to groundwater recharge.
- g. Holly Rahmann has been assisting Steve Osterbuhr prepare an application for admittance into the Water Leaders Academy.

At 9:25 AM it was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson, that the Board enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. Board President Nelson stated the items to be discussed in closed session were the following agenda items: Lake McConaughy Lessees, Inc.; Robb Ranch Erosion Issue; and

Personnel. The items are being discussed in closed session to protect the public interest, to receive legal advice regarding threatened and pending litigation, and to discuss real estate and contract negotiations.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

At 10:23 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson, that the Board exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. Board President Nelson stated the items discussed in closed session were the following agenda items: Lake McConaughy Lessees, Inc.; Robb Ranch Erosion Issue; and Personnel. The items were discussed in closed session to protect the public interest, to receive legal advice regarding threatened and pending litigation, and to discuss real estate and contract negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Martin E. Mueller, Secretary

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Dudley L. Nelson, President