

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
MARCH 27, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

This meeting was publicly advertised in accordance with Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes by notices aired on KRVN (Lexington) and KUVR (Holdrege) radio stations on March 23, 2020, and through legal publication in the Kearney Hub and Holdrege Daily Citizen on March 23, 2020, and the North Platte Telegraph and Lexington Clipper-Herald on March 21, 2020, 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.

A postcard giving the time, date, and place of this meeting was mailed to the Directors on March 18, 2020.

The following Directors were present (either via Zoom video or conference call, or in person):

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

The following Director was absent: Robert L. Petersen

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Jim Brown, Compliance Coordinator
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller & Finance Mgr.	Luke Ritz, Land Administrator
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Operations Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation O & M Assistant Supervisor
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Holly G. Rahmann, Public Relations Asst.
David R. Ford, Irrigation Operations Mgr.	Duane Cernousek, Purchasing Agent
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present:

Greg Anderson and Bruce Remington from Wells Fargo appeared via Zoom video and conference call at 10:02 a.m.

Dave Barga from Rembolt Ludtke LLP appeared via Zoom video at 11:54 a.m.

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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 9:02 a.m. Board President Rowe announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: Three consents at Johnson Lake were approved during the month of March, 2020.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following permits were approved during the month of March, 2020:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 3/27/2020			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
None			

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2020 – Johnson Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
Hutt, Dan; Dornhoff, Julia	53 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14A	SWAF Permit – Install five 4’x8’ dock sections and one 12’x20’ shorestation.	02/27/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
Phantom Farms, LLC	28 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF Permit – Install a 4’x48’ dock with 4’x8’ swim platform. Install a 12’x12’ shorestation with 4’x8’ dock section in front. Install a 6’x9’ jet ski lift and a 6’x8’ dock anchor pad.	02/27/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
Druse, Thomas; Hunzeker, Andrew	78 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	SWAF Permit – Install a 5’x13’ jet ski lift.	02/27/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
McMeen, Jeff and Stacie	5A East Shore Dr. 2	SWAF Permit – Install a 4’x80’ dock with a 8’x12’ swim platform. Install a 12’x12’ shorestation and a 6’x9’ jet ski lift.	02/18/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
Neben, Daniel and Sarah	4 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL Permit – Install a white plastic privacy fence.	03/03/2020 No Application Fee
Sims, David and Virginia	35 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL Permit – Construct an addition to the lake side of the existing dwelling. Also, construct an addition to connect the existing dwelling structure and existing garage.	03/03/2020 No Application Fee
Philpot-Long Partnership	14 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	DWEL Permit – Pour 2” asphalt overlay on existing asphalt driveway/parking.	03/10/2020 No Application Fee
Hafner, Edward	31 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14A	SWAF Permit – Install a 4’ to 5’x22’ access to the shorestation. Hand rails on both sides of the stairs leading down to the shoreline.	03/17/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
Connely, Colleen M.	86 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	SWAF Permit – Install ten 4’x8’ dock sections, two 6’x9’ Jet-ski lifts, and a 12’x13’ shorestation.	03/03/2020 \$50.00 Application Fee
Melliger, David and Suzanne	6 Mallard Beach Dr. 19B	ECS Permit – Construct a 1’4”x4.5’ retaining wall, a 22’ long drainage grate located on the north side of lot, and all new concrete on the north side of lot.	03/02/2020 \$100.00 Application Fee
Bazata, Brian and Heidi	22 Northeast Cove Dr. 9	Amended DWEL Permit – amended to include replacement of lower level lake side deck	03/16/2020 No Application Fee

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2020 – Lake McConaughy			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
Roney, Aneal and Emily	19 K-2 Rd.	DWEL Permit – Applicant previously placed lime stone crushed rock for a driveway. The drive varies in width from 20’ to	02/19/2020 \$100.00 Application Fee

		approximately 25' wide and 120' in length beginning at the roadway and continuing along the existing dwelling and ending at the newly constructed building.	
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Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2020 – Jeffrey Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
None			

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2020 –Midway Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
None			

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2020 – Plum Creek Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
None			

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: Dave Ford presented the following item:

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
<b><u>Water Service Agreements:</u></b>					
Phelps	6172403*	NW1/4 24-6-17	Wendy Skallberg Revocable Trust c/o Wendy Skallberg	60	+60(1)
*Rescinding Termination					

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2020 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
- (2) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2020 irrigation season to accompany existing WSA.
- (3) Water Service Agreement terminated after 2019, landowner came-back with new WSA.
- (4) Documents are currently being reviewed with landowners and/or are being signed by the landowners.

2020 WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER: Dave Ford presented 15 water right transfer requests totaling 207.5 acres in the Phelps, E65 and Supply canal irrigation areas. The water rights from unused or cancelled acres used to cover these requests are for the following parcels:

Phelps Canal

- Fishell & Fishell Limited- NENE1/4 28-6-16 = 2.5 ac.
- Brian & Mindy Lavicky- NENW1/4 27-6-16 = 8 ac.
- Jerry & Linda Larson- S1/2NW1/4 & N1/2SW1/4 14-6-16 = 22 ac.
- Jon & Kathy Abrahamson- SWSW1/4 24-6-16 = 2 ac.
- Roland Rich- S1/2NE1/4 9-6-18 = 16 ac.
- Kelley Ayres- E1/2SW1/4 10-6-15 = 29 ac.
- Douglas Nisley- S1/2SE1/4 21-8-19 = 10 ac.
- Dahlgren Inc.- S1/2NE1/4 1-6-18 = 46 ac.

E-65

- Jimmy Webb- SE1/4SE1/4 29-6-19 = 6 ac.
- K & D Land Co. LLC- S1/2NE1/4 8-6-19 = 30 ac.
- Ruth Renken- N1/2NE1/4 15-7-21 = 5 ac.
- Dahlgren Cattle Co. Inc.- SW1/4 21-7-20 = 3 ac.
- Oliver High Farms Ltd.- NESW1/4 12-7-21 = 4 ac.

Kurt & Richele Holen- S1/2SW1/4 24-7-21 = 18 ac.

Supply Canal

Brent Gengenbach- SENW1/4 20-9-23 = 6 ac.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: Cory Steinke presented the following work order for a bridge below the Jeffrey return:

- a. Work Order No. 107417 – Concrete Bridge Replacement at MP 27.2

POWER AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (3/24/2020): Director Fowler presented an overview of the items the committee took action on at their meeting held on March 24, 2020:

- a. Permitting Procedures Amendments: The Committee voted to recommend Board approval of staff's recommendation to proceed with the proposed edits, with an additional revision to 2.3.10 regarding the placement of solar panels on roofs to remove the words "located within the buildable area."
- b. Application for Variance – 30 Kirby Point, Johnson Lake: The Committee voted to recommend the Board deny the variance for the after-the-fact construction of the on-grade parking feature.
- c. Application for Variance – 35 Park Lane, Johnson Lake: The Committee voted to recommend the Board deny the variance application as no hardship exists.
- d. Application for Variance – 10 East Shore, Johnson Lake: The Committee voted to recommend the Board deny the variance for the deck replacement, but to allow the installation of temporary fencing to improve safety until a permanent solution is found as per staff recommendation, and directed Staff to continue working with the tenant on the matter.
- e. Application for Variance – 1 South Crappie Corner, Johnson Lake: The Committee voted to recommend Board approval of the variance application for the construction of a portion of the home located at 1 South Crappie Corner into the 50' setback.
- f. Concession Lease – GoLight, Inc., 11 Lakeview Acres, Johnson Lake: The Committee voted to recommend Board approval of a Concession Lease with GoLight, Inc. for the period of 2020-2022 at a rental rate of \$300 for the term.
- g. Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy Amendments: The Committee voted to recommend approval of the amended Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy as follows:

Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy

1. Subleasing at Johnson Lake shall be authorized through a Permit to Sublease.
  2. Central staff has the authority to approve a Permit to Sublease on a case by case basis, taking into account neighbor approval.
  3. Each Permit to Sublease shall be for a term of one year and include an annual renewal fee.
  4. The Permit to Sublease shall incorporate strict rules with the ability to terminate the permit immediately at Central staff's discretion.
- h. JLDI Yard Waste Collection Site Update: The Committee voted to recommend Board approval of Staff's recommendation to pursue a plan to complete an exchange of lands for a new grass dump site which will require the modification of the golf course lease, development and execution of easements, agreements, permits to construct and land exchanges with involved parties, and the issuance of an agricultural lease with the adjacent landowner.
  - i. The Dunes: Discussions were held in Closed Session.

COVID-19 RESPONSE: Rochelle Jurgens provided an overview of the affect of COVID-19 on Central's operations and its employees, preventative measures taken, and new legislation enacted including the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Expanded Family & Medical Leave Act. Eric Hixson provided information on contingency plans that are in place to ensure uninterrupted operations of the hydroelectric system.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: No out of state travel was reported for April, 2020.

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner reported the Legislature passed an emergency funding bill totaling \$83M and once they reconvene session, Speaker Scheer will begin to prioritize the bills heard on the floor.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Knoerzer thanked Central staff for their work to implement precautionary measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Rowe also thanked employees for their efforts. Rowe was approached by a constituent inquiring about the removal of cedar trees along the Supply Canal. Cory Steinke stated Central removes the cedars if they affect operations. Mike Drain stated Central can grant permits to landowners to remove cedar trees.

Greg Anderson and Bruce Remington joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:11 a.m.

WELLS FARGO SEMI-ANNUAL PENSION PLAN REPORT: Greg Anderson and Bruce Remington updated the Board of Directors on their investment strategies relating to Central's pension and OPEB trust funds.

A break was taken at 10:56 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:06 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,256.0, 1,481,500 acre feet, and 85% capacity. The Bureau of Reclamation reported Wyoming will start releasing 1,500 cfs to the river. Maintenance crews in Gothenburg are seclused to assigned vehicles and equipment due to COVID-19. He received the Elwood Seepage Study from RJH and he will report more in the near future. The bridge below the Jeffrey return should be completed prior to harvest time.
- b. Mike Drain displayed sections of the Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 163-Nebraska Game and Parks Commission showing potential changes to language concerning the possession and consumption of alcohol at Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala. Drain stated the Kingsley Dam Emergency Action Plan functional exercise scheduled for April 7, 2020 has been deferred to the fall due to COVID-19. Central has offered to provide area Holdrege students with a learning space in the board room and internet access while school is in recess due to the virus. Central will offer to lease house #4 at Jeffrey Lake to a subtenant's relative who is experiencing significant health issues.
- c. Jeff Buettner stated upcoming project tours have been canceled or postponed due to the virus. He viewed a 15-passenger van recently which the District intends to purchase. He is working with Devin Brundage to develop a social media policy.
- d. Dave Ford reported crews have been limited to the number of workers at a worksite and he has assigned employees to one vehicle or piece of equipment. Recharge to the Phelps Canal started mid-March. He displayed photos of the installation of a road crossing west of Loomis and another west of Minden. Drain areas northeast of Bertrand are being cleaned. Repairs are being done to a section of heaved concrete on the 3.2 Siphon south of Johnson Lake and a tile rain north of Holdrege.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens advised that finance charges on the Johnson Lake lease billings will be applied on April 1, 2020. She presented a memo regarding moving the J-2 funds to an Insured Cash Sweep (ICS).

- f. Eric Hixson reported on an inspection of Jeffrey unit 1 that occurred on March 17, 2020 and stated unit 2 will be inspected when internal social distancing measures are relaxed. Electrical crews are doing site checks and preparing for irrigation. The security camera installation project is nearing completion. The control board on the Kingsley diesel generator was replaced.
- g. Holly Rahmann announced the annual Water Jamboree has been canceled this year due to virus concerns. The summer water tour may be canceled or postponed, but a decision will not be made until April. A recent version of the newsletter is being printed and she expects to mail it by the end of next week.
- h. Duane Cernousek presented the bid tabs for the 15-passenger van. A used 2019 Ford with 32,389 miles was selected by staff and it should arrive in the next two weeks.
- i. Devin Brundage would like to conduct project tours with the directors later this summer. He thanked Central staff for ensuring the smooth operation of District facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. He announced the Board Retreat is postponed and discussions will continue to select an alternate date. He attended a recent Governance Committee meeting in Kearney where he met the new regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He and members of the Fish and Wildlife staff as well as members of Nebraska DNR staff toured portions of Central's and NPPD project.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster stated there still has been no ruling in the TERC case on the Dawson County tax protest. Discussions on the Platte to Republican River Diversion Project were held in Closed Session.

**At 11:49 AM it was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, Dave Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent was: Petersen. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. Board President Rowe stated the items to be discussed in closed session were the following agenda items: The Dunes and the Platte to Republican River Diversion Project to discuss contract negotiations and to receive legal advice.**

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

Director Dahlgren left the conference call at 11:52 a.m.

Dave Barga from Rembolt Ludtke LLP joined the meeting via Zoom at 11:54 a.m.

**At 12:19 PM it was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Mueller to exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren and Petersen. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. Board President Rowe stated the items discussed in Closed Session were the following agenda items: The Dunes and the Platte to Republican River Diversion Project.**

PERSONNEL: None.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

BOARD RETREAT POSTPONEMENT: Discussions on alternate dates will be held in the coming weeks.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 PM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren and Petersen. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**



MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
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Individual cards giving the time, date, and place of this meeting were mailed to the Directors on March 18, 2020.

The following Directors were present:

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

*\*joined the Zoom call at 9:37 a.m.*

*\*\* joined the Zoom call at 9:10 a.m.*

*\*\*\*joined the Zoom call at 9:40 a.m.*

The following Director was absent: Robert L. Petersen

Also present were:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Luke Ritz, Land Administrator
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller & Finance Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Operations Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation O & M Asst. Supervisor
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Holly G. Rahmann, Public Relations Asst.
David R. Ford, Irrigation Operations Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.	

Others present were:

Michael C. Klein	John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD
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The Board President, David L. Rowe, announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 9:08 AM the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call. He stated that although this meeting is being held as a virtual meeting per executive order by Governor Ricketts on March 13, 2020, it has been publicized in accordance with the open meetings act and is open to the public as advertised at District Headquarters in Holdrege.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Thorburn stated Tri-Basin is doing their best to maintain normal operations. There will be a prescribed burn in the area of the proposed PRD project area. They intend to file another application for the PRD project with NDNR. They will distribute trees to the public this year utilizing a drive-thru method.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage gave an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were previously presented and discussed at the March 27, 2020 Committee Meeting of the Board.

President Rowe asked the Directors if there were items they wished to be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on individually. Hearing none, the following items were presented for approval:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 2, 2020**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 27, 2020**
- **Approval of the April disbursements:**

*Hydro Division:*

Check # 61966-VOID; Check #s 61880-62178 and 8900019-8900034 \$1,089,821.04  
(Accounts Payable)

Payroll \$504,950.14

*Kingsley Division:*

Check # 3203-3213 (Accounts Payable) \$63,815.34

*J-2 Regulating Reservoir Construction Fund:*

NONE NONE

*Glendo Division:*

Check # 1114 \$1,369.65

*Flex Spending Account:*

Check # 4712238 \$644.00

- **Approval of Work Order No. 107417 – Concrete Bridge Replacement at MP27.2 (\$400,000.00)**
- **Approval to proceed with the proposed edits to the Permitting Procedures**
- **Approval of a portion of the Application for Variance by the tenant of 10 East Shore, Johnson Lake to allow the installation of temporary fencing**
- **Approval of the Application for Variance by the tenant of 1 South Crappier Corner, Johnson Lake to construct of a portion of the home located into the 50' setback**
- **Approval of a Concession Lease with GoLight, Inc. for the period of 2020-2022 at a rental rate of \$300**
- **Approval of the following revised Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy:**

Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy

5. Subleasing at Johnson Lake shall be authorized through a Permit to Sublease.
6. Central staff has the authority to approve a Permit to Sublease on a case by case basis, taking into account neighbor approval.
7. Each Permit to Sublease shall be for a term of one year and include an annual renewal fee.
8. The Permit to Sublease shall incorporate strict rules with the ability to terminate the permit immediately at Central staff's discretion.

- **Approval for staff to take the steps necessary to secure an alternate Johnson Lake Development, Inc. Yard Waste Collection Site**
- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreement:**

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
<b><u>Water Service Agreement:</u></b>					
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<i>*Rescinding Termination</i>					

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2020 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
- (2) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2020 irrigation season to accompany existing WSA.
- (3) Water Service Agreement terminated after 2019, landowner came-back with new WSA.
- (4) Documents are currently being reviewed with landowners and/or are being signed by the landowners.

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

Director S. Olson joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

2020 WATER RIGHTS TRANSFERS: Dave Ford explained the water rights transfers will be advertised for three consecutive weeks, followed by a three week period to allow the public to object. After that time, he will bring back the list for final approval.

**It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the advertising of the 2020 Water Rights Transfers. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Fowler, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, and Rowe. Director Dahlgren abstained from voting. Absent: Mueller, Petersen, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner stated the Legislature has taken a recess due to COVID-19 and they will likely not reconvene until mid-June.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD COMMENTS: Director David Nelson shared with those on the Zoom call that Michael C. Klein was in attendance today.

LEGAL UPDATE: None.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following management reports were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke stated normal dredging activities have begun at the Supply Canal Diversion Dam.

- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,255.8, 1,476,100 acre feet, and 84.7% capacity. Inflows are around 1,800 cfs and outflows are at 1,750 cfs. He expects inflows will increase to 2,600-2,800 cfs by next week due to releases Wyoming is making due to snowmelt, but current projections do not have excess water passing Lake McConaughy.
- c. Mike Drain presented an e-mail from Colby Johnson at NGPC that their campgrounds are closed from April 6-May 8, 2020 due to COVID-19. He also stated that NGPC continues to consider potential changes to the alcohol possession laws which, if enacted, would apply to Johnson Lake, Lake McConaughy, Lake Ogallala, and several of the Supply Canal lakes and boat ramp areas.
- d. Jeff Buettner has canceled or postponed numerous project tours in the coming months due to COVID-19. He is writing a Kearney Hub article which should publish later this week.
- e. Dave Ford stated the water schedule cards were mailed to irrigators last week. Recharge on the E-65 and Phelps Canals will continue through April 15, 2020. Crews have been making preparations for irrigation season, installing pumpsites and repairing road crossings. He displayed photos of a pickup truck that accidentally drove in to Elwood Reservoir. No one was injured and there was no damage to any of Central's structures. He will send a crew to assist Tri-Basin with the prescribed burn of the PRD Project area.

Director Mueller joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

- f. Rochelle Jurgens received the final audit entries for the end-of-year report from BKD and she will update the Directors with the December, January and February financial reports very soon. She discussed the finance charges that are currently applied to the unpaid Johnson Lake lease accounts.

Director Soneson joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- g. Eric Hixson reported that March was a record generation month.
- h. Luke Ritz stated the land administration team is finding creative ways to interact with customers so they can continue processing permits.
- i. Devin Brundage discussed the methods management is using to minimize contact between employees due to the Directed Health Measure issued by Governor Ricketts on April 3, 2020. He is working closely with management to create back-up operation plans in the event a stay-at-home order is mandated. He displayed a letter he sent to all Central personnel which would grant employees identified as "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" access to Central facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Mueller to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 9:53 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent: Petersen. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER  
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Rowe, President