

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
OCTOBER 4, 2021 – 10:30 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 September 29, 2021 and through legal publication in the Kearney Hub and Holdrege Daily Citizen, the Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 29, 2021, and the North Platte Telegraph on September 30, 2021 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.

An e-mail was sent to each Director on September 27, 2021 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

David L. Rowe, President	Tim Boyle	Kyle Shepherd
Martin E. Mueller, Vice President	William E. Knoerzer	
Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary	David G. Nelson	
Geoffrey K. Bogle, Treasurer	Dudley L. Nelson	

The following Directors were absent: K. Scott Olson, Roger D. Olson and Gordon N. Soneson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Alex Linden, Public Relations Assistant
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others present were:

Zach Gray

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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 10:30 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

WORK PLANNING SESSION: Cory Steinke presented “Water Vision” and lead a discussion about Central’s water supply, water rights, the groundwater mound, Lake McConaughy storage, surface water irrigation diversions, deliveries and recharge, and an integrated conjunctive management concept.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
OCTOBER 22, 2021 – 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 October 18, 2021, and through legal publication in the Kearney Hub and Holdrege Daily Citizen on October 18, 2021, and the North Platte Telegraph and Lexington Clipper-Herald on October 26, 2021, 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 was mailed to each Director on October 12, 2021 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

David L. Rowe, President	Tim Boyle	K. Scott Olson
Martin E. Mueller, Vice President	William E. Knoerzer	Roger D. Olson
Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary*	David G. Nelson	Kyle Shepherd
	Dudley L. Nelson	Gordon N. Soneson

**arrived at 10:04 a.m.*

The following Directors was absent: Geoffrey K. Bogle

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Jim Brown, Compliance Coordinator
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Alex Linden, Public Relations Specialist
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	DeAnna Bartruff, Land Administrator
Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.	

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Greg Heiden
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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. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: There were six consents at Johnson Lake approved during the month of October, 2021.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following permits were approved during the month of October, 2021:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 10/22/2021			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	SW1/4 Section 24-6-16	Installation of 2 1.25" HDPE communication ducts including fiber optic cable in 2 locations on Central property.	09/20/2021 \$600.00
Tysdal, Wade	South Crappie Corner Area Association - NW1/4 S32-9N-R22	Trim/remove trees within the common are located behind #3 south Crappie Corner.	09/21/2021

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 10/22/2021 – Johnson Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
Kugler, Kenneth & Marjorie	2 Bass Bay Dr. 16	SWAF - Install 4'W x 88'L Dock, 4'W x 16'L Dock, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 4'W x 24'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	10/11/2021 \$50.00
Holen, Don & Lois	32 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	DWEL - Pour on grade concrete drive, garage approaches, sidewalk and slabs.	10/04/2021
Eberspacher, Darren & Alisa	40 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	DWEL - Construct 32' x 16 pitched patio cover over existing patio	10/04/2021
Schaaf, Timothy & Carolyn	18 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct privacy fence	09/27/2021
Williams, James & Jacob	22 Kirby Point Dr. 2	DWEL - Relocate an existing garage.	09/21/2021
Thompson, Blain & Karen	1 East Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - ATF previously constructed roof expansion.	09/21/2021 \$100.00
Denker, Marion & Carver Sarah	28 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct 6'8" x 34' addition to existing structure, Construct new entry door including roof overhang, construct 16' x 20' attached garage to existing structure.	09/16/2021

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 10/22/2021 – Lake McConaughy			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
Fleshman, Gary	39 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install septic system	10/12/2021
Haythorn, Harry &	9 K-2 Rd	DWEL - Construct electrical panels	09/16/2021
Hahn, Mark & Brenda	49 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Construct elevated deck with railing and construct detached 40' x 30' garage.	09/16/2021
Hartman, Dan & Wolff, Tracy	50 K-1	Tree Planting	08/08/2021

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 10/22/2021 – Plum Creek Lake			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
Wightman, Janet	1 Wightman Subdivision 42377 Rd 750	SWAF - Install 5'W x 20'L Dock, 5'W x 12'L Gangway, 5'W x 10'L Dock	10/11/2021 \$400.00

SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES – FAULT RECORDING UPGRADES: Eric Hixson presented the following items needed to fulfill NERC requirements:

- a. 2021 Budget Revision
- b. SEL Engineering Services Contract
- c. Work Order No. 107440 - SEL Engineering Services, Fault Recording Upgrades (\$77,959.81)

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (10/19/21): Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items the subcommittee took action on at their recent meeting:

- a. Application for Variance – 64 Mallard Beach, Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the variance request for the proposed garage contingent upon obtaining written approval from the adjacent neighbor and the area association, and upon payment of an after-the-fact fee as determined by staff to recuperate administrative costs for time related to working on this violation.
- b. Application for Variance – 10 East Shore, Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the variance request for the permanent fence based on the unique safety concerns presented by the concrete wall and drop-off, consistent with other approved variances and contingent upon obtaining written approval from the neighbor(s).
- c. Rental House Rate Adjustments: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the Rental House Rate Adjustments for 2022 as follows:

	Tenant	2021 Monthly Rate	2022 Proposed Monthly Rate	Change from 2021
J1	Non-District	\$417	\$ 430	\$ 13
Diversion Dam	Retired District Employee	\$273	\$ 260	\$ (13)*
Kingsley 1	District Employee	\$149	\$ 150	\$ 1
Kingsley 2	District Employee	\$149	\$ 150	\$ 1
Kingsley 3	District Employee	\$149	\$ 150	\$ 1

**Rate reduced based on Lincoln County removing this property from the tax rolls*

- d. Bass Bay Playground – Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of entering into a management agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of structures placed on District property with JLDI and in-kind work for site preparation not-to-exceed \$5,000.00 for the Bass Bay Playground project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (10/19/21): The minutes of the October 19, 2021 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed.

RESERVE FUND REPORT: Rochelle Jurgens presented the Reserve Fund balances as of September 30, 2021.

2022 BUDGET: Rochelle Jurgens gave a brief overview of the highlights of the budget. Each department manager presented their budgets by discussing major expenditures and capital purchases.

Director Dahlgren entered the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Additional discussion was had about potential development opportunities around District lakes.

A break was taken at 10:51 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:03 a.m.

DISTRICT INTEGRATION STUDY UPDATE: Devin Brundage anticipates the Phase 2 results to be available in November.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:40 a.m.
Director Dudley Nelson exited the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:20 p.m.

POWER PURCHASE PROPOSALS: There was nothing new to report.

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner reported the Nebraska Power Review Board is proposing potential legislation to grant them more authority over contracts between public power districts and energy suppliers. The question of the board's need to have a larger role in determining whether Nebraska has adequate power resources to avoid blackouts such as the one cause by a polar vortex in February, 2021 is part of this debate.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Cory Steinke is hopeful the Morning Glory painting project will finished by Thanksgiving so the traffic signals can be removed prior to any snow event. Crews continue dredging at the Diversion Dam. He filed a water right application for recharge to the Cottonwood Ranch Complex. He reported on behalf of Tyler Thulin the following: Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,236.9, 1,019,300 acre feet, and 58.5% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are 1,070 cfs and outflows are 37 cfs.
- b. Alex Linden has been assisting Mike Drain with preparation for the upcoming FERC Functional and Tabletop Exercise of the Emergency Action Plan on October 26, 2021.
- c. Scott Dicke intends to present photos of maintenance updates at the November 1, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.
- d. Jeff Buettner reported several Central employees toured Dawson Public Power District's facilities on October 14, 2021. He is writing an article for Irrigation Today regarding irrigation infrastructure. The NPA legislative subcommittee intends to resume their regular meetings.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens stated employees received their flu shots on October 12, 2021 and the annual health screenings will be held on October 27-28, 2021.
- f. Eric Hixson reported on the cybersecurity and relay upgrade plans.
- g. Anton Hassebrook gave an update on the penstock work at the Jeffrey Hydro and the turbine work during the Kingsley Hydro outage.

PERSONNEL: None.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: None.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Water Services Committee – December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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The following Director was absent: William E. Knoerzer

Also present were the following:

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Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present were:

John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	Carson Messersmith
Dave Dahlgren	Greg Heiden
Ron Pickel	

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At 9:00 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Thorburn reported Tri-Basin NRD will have a booth at the Gateway Farm Expo on November 17-18, 2021 in Kearney where they will be giving away trees. He thanked Mike Klaus for providing his staff with a demonstration of the District's Owl conference camera. Dave Dahlgren commented he believes the Central District is one of the greatest economic assets to the area.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the October 22, 2021 Committee Meeting of the Board.

The Board President asked the Directors if there were items they wished to remove from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion and voting. Hearing none, the following items were presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held October 4, 2021**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held October 4, 2021**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held October 22, 2021**
- **Approval of the November Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check #s 65751 through 65958 & 8900442 through 8900463 (Accounts Payable) \$1,022,949.73

Payroll \$497,851.16

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3356 through 3367 (Accounts Payable) \$69,583.77

J-2 Regulating Reservoir Construction Fund:

NONE NONE

Glendo Division:

NONE NONE

Flex Spending Account:

Check #s 8265186, 8322070 & 8322071 \$1,696.67

- **Approval of Budget Revision #3 to the Hydro Division as follows:**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Power Plant Capital</u>			
J2 Substation – Fault Recorder / SOE	\$0	\$78,000	\$78,000
Exciter Upgrade – JF/J1/J2	\$200,000	\$122,000	(\$78,000)
		Net Change	\$0

- **Approval of Contract with SEL Engineering Services, Inc. for Fault Recording Upgrades**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107440 – SEL Engineering Services, Inc. for Fault Recording Upgrades (\$77,959.81)**
- **Approval of a Variance Request at 64 Mallard Beach, Johnson Lake for the proposed garage contingent upon obtaining written approval from the adjacent neighbor and the area association, and upon payment of an after-the-fact fee as determined by staff to recuperate administrative costs for time related to working on this violation**
- **Approval of a Variance Request at 10 East Shore, Johnson Lake for the permanent fence based on the unique safety concerns presented by the concrete wall and drop-off, consistent with other approved variances, and contingent upon obtaining written approval from the neighbor(s)**

➤ **Approval of the 2022 Rental House Rate Adjustments as follows:**

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➤ **Approval of entering into a management agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of structures placed on District property with Johnson Lake Development, Inc. and in-kind work for site preparation not-to-exceed \$5,000.00 for the Bass Bay Playground project**

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

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner had nothing new to report

DISTRICT INTEGRATION STUDY UPDATE: Devin Brundage displayed the Consolidation Assessment Process and Board Decision Gates within the four phases of the study and reviewed the process and associated timeline.

POWER PURCHASE PROPOSALS: There was nothing new to report.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: If anyone is interested in attending the NSIA/NWRA Joint Convention November 22-23, 2021, please contact Jeff Buettner or Emily Anderson.

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dahlgren to excuse the absence of William E. Knoerzer from this meeting. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Knoerzer. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: Shepherd heard that Senator Mike Groene may run for a seat on the Public Service Commission.

LEGAL UPDATE: There was nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following management reports were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke is studying whether a new Diversion Dam dredge should be included in the 2022 Budget. Crews will start constructing a dike at the Diversion Dam and install the ice barrier. Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,237.4, 1,030,000 acre feet, and 59.1% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are 1,100 cfs and outflows are 450 cfs. A drawdown at Johnson Lake for a maintenance outage at J-2 scheduled for November 2-11, 2021.
- b. Mike Drain recently attended the National Hydropower Association conference in Atlanta, GA. The Tabletop and Functional Exercise of the Emergency Action Plan was held

on October 26, 2021 and inspections of dams and other structures were conducted by FERC and NDNR on October 27-28, 2021. The need to retain consultants to conduct crack and stress evaluations around each powerhouse, and slope stability and seepage studies of Kingsley Dam will be identified.

- c. Eric Hixson reported the Kingsley Hydro maintenance outage ended on October 25, 2021. Crews are preparing to begin the J-2 governor upgrade tomorrow and the plant will be in an outage from November 2-11, 2021.
- d. Scott Dicke reported the irrigation department is preparing to receive excess flows the next two days on the E-65 Canal and they plan to replace a seal on the Phelps Canal head gate. He displayed photos of crews repairing sections of concrete within the canal system. The decision date for the Water Sustainability Fund grant has been postponed to December 15, 2021.
- e. Jeff Buettner will take several Gothenburg employees on a tour of Dawson PPD's facilities this month.
- f. Devin Brundage has been working with staff on strategic planning for water issues. He continues to work on the integration study.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Mueller to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 9:47 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Knoerzer. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary

By _____
David L. Rowe, President