

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  
NOVEMBER 1, 2021 – 10:00 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 27, 2021, and through legal publication in the Kearney Hub, Holdrege Daily Citizen and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on October 27, 2021, and the North Platte Telegraph on October 28, 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 October 25, 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	David G. Nelson	Roger D. Olson
Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary	Dudley L. Nelson	Kyle Shepherd
Geoffrey K. Bogle, Treasurer		Gordon N. Soneson

The following Director was absent: William E. Knoerzer

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Alex Linden, Public Relations Assistant
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

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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 10:01 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

2022 BUDGET: Rochelle Jurgens presented the 2022 budget highlights, including revenues and expenses, and explored funding philosophies on large capital expenditures. Devin Brundage discussed budget and financial forecasting.

Director Dudley Nelson exited the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

WATER RIGHTS: Mike Drain presented information on the Department of Natural Resources' rules and processes associated with surface water irrigation rights, and the District's specific appropriations.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:49 a.m.

Director Mueller exited the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:21 p.m.

ENERGY: At 12:22 PM it was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director R. Olson to enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, David Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent: Knoerzer, Mueller and Dudley Nelson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. The reason for entering into Closed Session was to discuss the following agenda item: Power Purchase Proposals. The purpose of entering into Closed Session for this topic was to discuss contract negotiations.

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

At 12:58 PM it was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Shepherd to exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, David Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent: Knoerzer, Mueller and Dudley Nelson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe stated the agenda item discussed in Closed Session was Power Purchase Proposals.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Dahlgren and seconded by Director Shepherd to adjourn the Special Committee Meeting of the Board at 1:00 PM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, David Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent: Knoerzer, Mueller and Dudley Nelson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 15, 2021, and through legal publication in the Kearney Hub and Holdrege Daily Citizen on November 15, 2021, and the North Platte Telegraph and Lexington Clipper-Herald on November 13, 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 November 10, 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	Dudley L. Nelson	Roger D. Olson
Geoffrey K. Bogle, Treasurer		Kyle Shepherd
Robert B. Dahlgren, Secretary		Gordon N. Soneson

The following Directors were absent: William E. Knoerzer and David G. Nelson

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 Specialist
Michael A. Drain, Natural Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Tom McDougal, RJH
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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 was one consent at Johnson Lake and one at Lake McConaughy approved during the month of November, 2021.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 11/19/2021			
<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 11/19/2021 – Johnson Lake			
Freeburger, Debra S.	41 East Shore Dr.	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 50 linear feet of the shoreline	10/29/2021
Stapleton, John	38 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	VEG - Removal of Tree	10/18/2021
Baker, Rodney & Shauna	30 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Construct 7' x 18' x 12'6" sunroom, install 10' x 20' on grade flagstone patio.	01/14/2021
Mytty, Trey	1 Perch Bay Addn Dr. 7	VEG - Planting Cypress Pines	10/11/2021
McMeen, Jeffrey & Stacie	5A East Shore Dr. 2	SWAF - Install 8'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad	11/01/2021 \$ 50.00
Leibroch, Judi	33 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	ECS - Bank Stabilization (riprap) for 50 linear feet of the shoreline	11/01/2021
Dannehl, David & Stephanie	52 North Shore Dr. 8	SWAF - Install 8'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad	10/25/2021 \$ 50.00
McClure, Richard & Louise	27 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	ECS - Bank Stabilization (riprap) for 100 linear feet of the shoreline	10/29/2021
Zaboudil, Jason & Alyssa	49 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 4'W x 48'L Dock Section, 4'W x 3'L Dock Anchor Pad	10/08/2021 \$ 50.00
Boersma, John & Barbara	56 Mallard Beach So. Bay Dr. 21	ECS - Bank stabilization (Riprap) for 20 linear feet of the shoreline	11/03/2021
Falkinburg, Stephen	9 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	DEF - 35' x 28' Fill area to be brought to grade	11/08/2021 (Single Application Fee assessed on SWAF Application)
Iske, Jeffry & Regan	39 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	DWEL - New prefab garage	11/01/2021
Goracke, Douglas & Judith	23 East Shore Dr. 1	SWAF - Construct 45 FT <sup>2</sup> On-grade Patio, 4'6"W x 20'L Sidewalk, 3'W x 6'L Stairs	11/05/2021 \$ 50.00
Goracke, Douglas & Judith	23 East Shore Dr. 1A	SWAF - Install Concrete Pavers	06/28/2021 \$ 50.00
Bricker, Bruce & Betty	31 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	ECS - Bank stabilization (Riprap) for 49 linear feet of the shoreline	11/05/2021
Barber, Terry	11 Perch Bay Dr. 6	After the Fact DWEL - Construct 8' x 35' patio slab	11/03/2021 \$ 100.00
ATB Properties	1 Perch Bay Addition Dr. 7	SWAF - Construct 8'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad, 10'W x 10'L On grade patio	10/26/2021 \$ 50.00
Vonasek, Monty	21 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF - 17'W x 17'L On-Grade Patio	10/26/2021 \$ 50.00
Falkinburg, Stephen	9 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF - Install 3'W x 55'L Parallel Sidewalk, Dock Anchor Pad, 4'W x 48'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 12'W x	11/08/2021 \$ 50.00

		12'L Shorestation	
Williams, John & Michelle	8 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap)for 50 linear feet of the shoreline	10/29/2021
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 11/19/2021 – Lake McConaughy			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
Wester, Roger & Melissa	23A K-1 Rd	DWEL - Construct 24' x 24' x 9 car port	01/08/2021

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: Devin Brundage presented the following:

- a. Work Order No. 186575 – 2021 1500 Silverado LT 4WD Crew Cab (\$40,312.14)

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, CONTRACT NO. 0-698, AMERICAN GOVERNOR HYDROPOWER SOLUTIONS (\$4,092.00): Eric Hixson explained this change order is for extra onsite time and testing related to commissioning the governor upgrades.

ELWOOD DAM SEEPAGE REPAIRS – RJH CONSULTANTS: Tom McDougal from RJH was present to convey his observations and evaluation to mitigate the Elwood Dam and pump station seepage issue. He detailed their recommendation of installing a weighted filter blanket of sand and soil in conjunction with drainage piping at the toe drain and abutments behind the dam and at the pump station. He will prepare a proposal for the bidding, contractor selection and construction oversight, and submit it to staff in the coming weeks for presentation to the board.

A break was taken at 10:15 a.m.

Director Soneson exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:27 a.m.

2022 KINGSLEY HYDRO BUDGET: Eric Hixson provided an overview of NPPD's comments regarding the 2022 budget in their letter dated November 18, 2021.

2022 BUDGET: Rochelle Jurgens gave a brief overview of the highlights of the budget, including the edits she made since the last presentation. Each department manager presented their budgets by discussing major proposed expenditures and capital purchases.

DISTRICT INTEGRATION STUDY UPDATE: Devin Brundage reported on the recent Central District Water Users meeting where staff presented them the details of Phase 1 of the study. Brundage intends to gather some information for the Phase 2 report from the Ad Hoc Committee in the coming weeks.

POWER PURCHASE PROPOSALS: Eric Hixson and Devin Brundage continue discussions with those who submitted proposals. A brief discussion of the current status of renewable energy initiatives and goals from Nebraska utilities was had.

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner gave an update of what to expect in the 2022 legislative session, including potential bills that could impact Central.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:33 a.m.

Director Shepherd exited the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:00 p.m.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster received the final order from TERC on the Dawson County tax protest matter. He asked that the board go into Closed Session to discuss pending or threatened litigation.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mike Drain and Cory Steinke continue working towards achieving an annual operating plan with NPPD. He reported on preliminary details of a Department of Energy grant program made possible through the infrastructure bill.
- b. Scott Dicke reported crews have been digging and shaping canal banks, sandblasting, cutting trees, installing new pumpsites, and pouring concrete at a new section of the Hike and Bike Trail. He announced Catherine Giger will retire at the end of 2021 and he is advertising for an administrative assistant to replace her. The Water Sustainability Fund grant application is currently under review by the commission. He briefly discussed the Central District Water Users meeting where information was presented and feedback was received regarding the potential Dawson PPD merger.
- c. Tyler Thulin Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,238.4 1,054,000 acre feet, and 60.5% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are 1,000 cfs and outflows are 350 cfs. Releases from Lake McConaughy are being made to meet FERC minimum diversion requirements. Johnson Lake is back to normal operating levels following the successful completion of the planned outage at J2 for a governor system upgrade. The Linder and Cottonwood WPAs received two days of recharge.
- d. Cory Steinke is working acquire proposals from structural engineering consultants to evaluate concrete issues at the hydros and other facilities. McKinley Harm is preparing to send out a request for proposal to various consultants. Dredging is occurring at the Diversion Dam four days a week during the maintenance crews' regular working hours. Crews are preparing to construct a dike at the Diversion Dam and potentially install an ice barrier.
- e. Jeff Buettner reminded everyone of the NSIA/NWRA Joint Convention next week in Kearney. He expects to be named the new president of NSIA at their annual meeting being held on November 21, 2021. He is planning to hold a legislative reception in Lincoln on February 8, 2022 and may hold the board retreat in Norfolk. He displayed photos of a tour earlier this week with students from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.
- f. Rochelle Jurgens commented on a Leadership Nebraska session she attended recently in Norfolk.
- g. Eric Hixson reported on the completion of the governor upgrades at J2 and the unit inspection at J1.
- h. Devin Brundage attended the recent Central District Water Users meeting, met with Tom Riley of NDNR, and will attend the PRRIP governance committee meeting in December.

PERSONNEL: This was discussed in Closed Session.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The following travel was reported for December:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Devin Brundage	PRRIP Governance Committee	Denver, CO	December 6-8, 2021
Mike Drain	PRRIP Governance Committee	Denver, CO	December 7-8, 2021
Cory Steinke	PRRIP Governance Committee	Denver, CO	December 7-8, 2021

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: Scott Dicke announced the upcoming Four States Irrigation Council meeting January 12-13, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Contact Emily Anderson to register for the annual meeting.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**At 12:37 PM it was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Bogle to enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Mueller, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, and Rowe. Absent: Knoerzer, David Nelson, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. The reason for entering into Closed Session was to discuss the following agenda items: Personnel and Legal Update. The purpose of entering into Closed Session for this topic was to discuss personnel matters, protect the public interest and receive legal advice concerning threatened or pending litigation.**

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

**At 1:22 PM it was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director R. Olson to exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Mueller, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, and Rowe. Absent: Knoerzer, David Nelson, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe stated the agenda items discussed in Closed Session were Personnel and Legal Update.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.



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A postcard was mailed to each Director on November 10, 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
Geoffrey K. Bogle, Treasurer	Dudley L. Nelson	

The following Directors were absent: Gordon N. Soneson (passed away on November 22, 2021)

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Jeff J. Buettner, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Alex Linden, Public Relations Assistant
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Duane Cernousek, Purchasing Agent
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others present were:

John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	Carson Messersmith
Curtis Scheele, NRCS	

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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: John Thorburn reported Tri-Basin NRD tested the Linder WPA last month when excess flows were available. They are working with the Platte Program on a well augmentation project at the Cottonwood WPA that he expects to be completed by the end of January, 2022.

Devin Brundage intends to work with the Board to develop a resolution to honor Gordon Soneson who passed away on November 22, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the November 19, 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 November 1, 2021**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held November 1, 2021**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held November 19, 2021**
- **Approval of the December Disbursements:**

*Hydro Division:*

Check # 65768-VOID; Check #s 65959 through 66179 & 8900464 through 8900490 (Accounts Payable) \$1,271,682.47

Payroll \$519,442.34

*Kingsley Division:*

Check # 3360-VOID; Check #s 3368 through 3377 (Accounts Payable) \$154,725.34

*J-2 Regulating Reservoir Construction Fund:*

NONE NONE

*Glendo Division:*

NONE NONE

*Flex Spending Account:*

Check #s 8356890, 8414750, 8432863, & 8432864 \$1,361.41

- **Approval of Work Order No. 186575 – 2021 1500 Silverado LT 4WD Crew Cab (\$40,312.14)**
- **Approval of Contract Change Order No. 4, Contract No. 0-698, American Governor Hydropower Solutions (\$4,092.00)**
- **Approval of 2022 Budget as presented**
- **Approval of the following Employment Agreements for 2022:**
  - **Glen Bevard**
  - **Kevin Boyd**
  - **Dave Ford**
  - **Leonard France**
  - **Don Kraus**
  - **Marcia Trompke**

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

IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST REPORT: Curtis Scheele from the NRCS presented his annual report on 2021 activities, including: the history of the water management specialist position and duties, Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contracts, Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts, the Nebraska Ag Water Management Network that provides producers with crop water use data, and the results of UNL's Testing Ag Performance Solutions (UNL TAPS) plots.

BID TABS: Eric Hixson needs more time to evaluate the bids for the Hydro Plant Battery Banks and Battery Bank Monitoring Systems. He will conduct further analyses of the bids and present them to the Board on December 22, 2021. A special board meeting would be scheduled on that day if action is needed prior to the January board meeting.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: The following work orders were presented:

- a. Work Order No. 2107184 – 125V Battery Bank – Kingsley Hydro (\$40,000)
- b. Work Order No. 2107185 – Battery Bank Monitoring System – Kingsley Hydro (\$14,000)
- c. Work Order No. 107443 – 125VDC Battery Banks – Jeffrey, J1, J2 (\$75,000)
- d. Work Order No. 107444 – Battery Bank Monitoring System – Jeffrey, J1, J2 (\$35,000)
- e. Work Order No. 107436 - Mako Chi Mni Geotube

**It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve Work Orders 2107184, 2107185, 107443, 107444, and 107436 as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner attended the Nebraska Power Association’s legislative subcommittee meeting on November 29, 2021. He was contacted by the Holdrege Chamber of Commerce about hosting Coffee with a Senator (Senators Murman and Halloran) on February 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holdrege office.

DISTRICT INTEGRATION STUDY UPDATE: Devin Brundage stated Phase 2 of the consolidation study continues to progress.

POWER PURCHASE PROPOSALS: There was nothing new to report.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: Anyone interested in attending the Four States Irrigation Council in Fort Collins, CO on January 12-13, 2022 should contact Emily Anderson.

PERSONNEL: **At 9:50 AM it was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Mueller to enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. The reason for entering into Closed Session was to discuss the following agenda item: Personnel. The purpose of entering into Closed Session for this topic was to discuss a personnel matter.**

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

**At 10:09 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Dahlgren to exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe stated the agenda item discussed in Closed Session was Personnel.**

PERSONNEL: **It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the personnel action related to Devin Brundage as discussed in Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

DIRECTORS’ ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD COMMENTS: David Nelson may invite the president of Bluestem Energy to a future board meeting to discuss renewable energy. Mueller commented he will miss Gordon Soneson’s

presence on the board.

**LEGAL UPDATE:** Charles Brewster has been working with the Land Administration staff to resolve issues related to leases with deceased tenants, and to develop a draft policy to address problems with contractors who violate the Permitting Procedures.

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:** The following management reports were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,238.8, 1,060,400 acre feet, and 60.8% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are 960 cfs and releases are around 600 cfs. Due to the fair weather, dredging continues at the Diversion Dam and painting continues on the Morning Glory. Crews have been performing routine maintenance, repairs, and dirt work.
- b. Eric Hixson stated new lights were installed on the J-1 tower that emit a white strobe during the day, and red at night. The new light eliminates the need to paint the tower in the future.
- c. Scott Dicke expects a decision on the Water Sustainability Fund grant application on December 15, 2021. He requested a Water Services Committee meeting on December 21, 2021. He starts the interview process later today for an Administrative Assistant to replace Catherine Giger due to her upcoming retirement. Crews have been removing sediment and shaping canal banks, pouring concrete, installing risers, repairing road crossings, replacing bridge planks, and cutting trees. He displayed photos of the recent repairs at the Phelps Canal head gate. He complimented staff members for their well-coordinated and efficient completion of this project.
- d. Jeff Buettner and Devin Brundage attended the NREA annual conference last week in Kearney. The Eagle Viewing facilities will be open to the public beginning on December 26, 2021 and every weekend through the end of February.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens and the accounting department have been busy accepting irrigation payments. She will submit the 2022 Budget Management letter to the Power Review Board.
- f. Devin Brundage summarized a session at the recent NSIA/NWRA joint conference led by NPPD regarding some of their efforts in renewables and some of the background on how load control programs work and why they exist.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:46 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. 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