



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's board of directors approved an amendment to a water service agreement with the Lisco Irrigation District at Central's monthly meeting on Monday.

Similar to agreements with other irrigation districts and canal companies along the North Platte River, Central provides supplemental storage water from Lake McConaughy to the several irrigation projects to use if they exhaust their allocation from Glendo Reservoir. Lisco's amended agreement will be for an additional 750 acre/feet of water to allow them to finish out the irrigation season.

The Lisco irrigation district is located upstream of Lake McConaughy and takes the majority of their water from the natural flow of the river. With the below average inflows to Lake McConaughy this spring and summer, Lisco requested the additional water. The original agreement was for 750 acre feet of water, and the new agreement adds an additional 750 acre feet of supplemental storage for the 2022 irrigation season.

Also at Monday's meeting:

- The board approved a work order of \$28,710 for microwave multiplex equipment at Kingsley Dam.
- Irrigation and Water Services Manager Scott Dicke reported the weather station located five miles north of Holdrege has received 13.20 inches of rain since April 1. By contrast, the station at Bertrand has received just 6.57 inches during that same time period. Dicke added that water is being released out of the Elwood Reservoir for irrigation needs and the reservoir has plenty of water to finish out the irrigation season.
- Civil engineer Tyler Thulin reported that Lake McConaughy's elevation was at 3227.5 feet as of Monday morning (47.4% of capacity). Inflows have increased to 250 cubic feet per second (cfs), up 50 cfs over the past two weeks. Releases have decreased to 2375 cfs, down 1,425 cfs from his last report at the committee meeting on July 22 due in part to much needed precipitation.

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