

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
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 – 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 August 21, 2023, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on September 18, 2023, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 16, 2023, 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 September 11, 2023 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

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

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Gov't and Public Relations Manager
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Duane Cernousek, Purchasing Agent
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	

Others:

Jeff Buettner	Carson Messersmith
	Brian Gaston

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

At 9:01 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Director David Nelson introduced Brian Gaston who is the new biologist for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for our region. Gaston stated he works out of the Sacramento-Wilcox office and primarily focuses on habitat, public recreation, and hunting access programs.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: No consents were approved in September, 2023.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following permits were approved during the month of September, 2023:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 9/22/2023				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	Dawson Public Power District	33-9-22, 32-9-22	Install underground primary electric lines along with above ground pad mount transformers, junction boxes, and metering pedestals.	08/17/2023
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/22/2023 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
2.	Divis, Brian	42 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	VEG - Removal of tree	07/28/2023
3.	Burkhalter, Phillip & Sharilyn	2 Perch Bay Addn Dr. 7	DWEL - Construct attached garage 30' x 35' x 25'	08/10/2023
4.	Reynolds, Rod & Susan	35 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Place new prefab 6' x 8' garden shed	08/10/2023
5.	Heim, Joseph & Katherine	40 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct 30' x 40' x 14' high storage building	08/10/2023
6.	Woods, Waylon & Janice	2 Northeast Cove Dr. 9	DWEL - Construct new 30' x 30' x 15' high detached garage with 24" eaves	08/14/2023
7.	Fitzke, Scott & Bridget	11 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	DWEL - Construct new 36' x 88' dwelling with attached garage	08/15/2023
8.	Barth, Gary & Jennifer	26 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Construct new 36' x 66' dwelling with 18" eaves, attached garage and basement	08/15/2023
9.	GLBAK LLC	6 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	DWEL - Construct new 24' x 44' two-story dwelling	08/22/2023
10.	Hanson, Douglas & Jacklin	42 North Point Dr. 13A	DWEL - Install new flagpole including 20' x 20' concrete base	08/30/2023
11.	Leevers, Chris & Carren	3 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Pour new 7' wide on grade concrete addition to existing patio	09/01/2023
12.	Pristine Rentals LLC	31 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Pour 9' x 16' on grade concrete slab	09/07/2023
13.	Moseley, James & Theresa	40 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct on grade concrete walkway to 14' x 23' concrete slab with a new 6' x 8' Gazebo	09/08/2023
14.	Wright, David	35 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	SWAF - Install 4'W x 4'L Concrete Steps, 4'W x 40'L Dock, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	11/30/2021 \$300.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/22/2023 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
15.	Tetley, Paul & Judith	33 S. Lakeview Rd	ECS - Bank Stabilization (RipRap) for 31 linear feet of the shoreline	08/24/2023
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/22/2023 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
16.	Petersen, Frederick	9 K-1 Rd	DWEL ATF - Placement of prefab 8' x 12' wood storage shed	08/14/2023 \$100
17.	Wester, Roger & Melissa	23A K-1 Rd	ECS - Replacement of retaining wall with concrete retaining wall	08/18/2023
18.	Tuttle, Michael & Rozanne	68 K-1 Rd	DEF - Area to be graded for proper drainage	08/23/2023 \$50.00
19.	Biese-meier, Brandon & Julie	32 K-1 Rd	DEF- Grade work to install sod	08/29/2023 \$50.00
20.	Wester, Roger & Melissa	23A K-1 Rd	DWEL ATF - Constructed concrete wrap around patio	08/31/2023 \$100.00
21.	Colver, David & Adria	30 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install new septic system	09/05/2023
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/22/2023 – Midway Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
22.	Payne, Cody	55 Stange Circle	SWAF - Install 10'W x 10'L Shorestation, 4'W x 10'L Dock, 2'6"W x 16'L Dock	08/31/2023 \$50.00
23.	Payne, Forest & Joan	26 Stange Circle	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Dock, 2 - 4'W x 8'L Dock	08/31/2023 \$50.00

WORK ORDERS/PURCHASE REQUISITIONS: The following were presented:

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 19604 – B’s Enterprises Inc. for bridge lumber (\$101,716.34)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 19611 – Dawson Co. Dept. of Roads for Project No. BRO-7025(25) (\$267,880.24)
- c. Purchase Requisition No. 19686 – GE Energy Management Services Inc. for Voltage Transformers (\$50,400.00)
- d. Purchase Requisition No. 19694 – RJH Consultants Inc. for Kingsley Dam Remediation for Erosion of Upstream Slope Protection (\$51,742.60)

LOWBOY TRAILER FOR GOTHENBURG: Cory Steinke presented bids for a lowboy trailer with a 4th axle option from Hawk Company in the amount of \$140,418.00; Load King in the amount of \$136,338.00; and Trail King Industries in the amount of \$153,536.00. Staff will recommend the bid from Hawk Company as their trailer includes a hydraulic flip axle, a shield for the back axle, and hydraulic pins which will improve safety for employees.

Revision #7 to the 2023 Budget was presented:

Hydro Division	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference
<u>Supply Canal Capital</u>			
Lowboy Trailer	\$0	\$160,100	\$160,100

Work Order No. 107468 for the purchase of the lowboy trailer in the amount of \$160,100.00 was also presented.

WATER RATE FOR COOLING OR OTHER POWER PURPOSES: Mike Drain stated the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes is to be reviewed annually pursuant to the policy established by the board on October 4, 2021. Drain reviewed the rate structure with the board and the process for making any changes. Staff is recommending no change to the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes for 2024. No board action is required unless changes are desired. No board member asked to further discuss or modify the rate.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain reported RJH provided a draft of the 50% design plan for the soil cement with concrete facing method to Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for review. The preliminary cost estimate for the project using this method has been further refined to \$75 million. He hopes to submit the 50% design plan to FERC by October 6, 2023. He submitted a letter of intent to the Nebraska Emergency Management Association for FEMA funding assistance. The National Hydropower Association is working on potential legislation for a 30% tax credit for dam safety improvement projects that are under a FERC license.

E-65 SIPHON AND ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECTS: Scott Dicke continues to meet with legal counsel and landowners for the E-65 Siphon project and the consultant continues their modeling work. He reported the contractor has begun the excavation work around the pump station at Elwood Dam. He will work with Alex Linden to provide ongoing public information about the construction and plans to arrange a tour for the directors as the project progresses.

A break was taken at 10:04 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:24 a.m.

2024 BUDGET PREPARATION: Rochelle Jurgens reviewed the budgeting process and a few highlights that will be part of the proposed 2024 budget, including major proposed expenditures and capital purchases. Historical revenue/expense information and staffing levels were presented.

NEBRASKA POWER ASSOCIATION LOAD AND CAPABILITY REPORT REVIEW: Devin Brundage displayed selected slides from the Load and Capability Report that was presented during the recent NPA meeting. The full report will be posted to the board website. Additional information was discussed regarding wholesale energy price trends and the District's work to secure a contract with MEAN for the Johnson 1 and 2 generation. Directors asked about options for maximizing the generation from the Jeffrey facility and those were discussed as well.

IVERS LAND AT LAKE MCCONAUGHY: Brundage announced the District successfully acquired several parcels of the Ivers land for \$4.95 million. Mike Drain stated it may be more land than the District needs, but indicated work will begin with the board to determine how potential excess areas could be sold or developed.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden arranged a tour for state senators of the South Platte Canal project on October 23, 2023. He expects possible legislation to amend the membership qualifications of the Power Review Board.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Boyle appreciates the social media posts regarding the drawdown of Johnson Lake. Director David Nelson commented on the amount of phragmites growing in the Platte River. Director R. Olson stated he felt the District acquired the Ivers land tracts for a decent price. Director Knoerzer inquired about the status of the Phillips Canyon boat ramp project. Drain responded that the project was delayed while waiting on a landowner agreement with Joe Phillips. President Rowe distributed a copy of a recent Citizens Opposed to the Merger "fact" sheet that contains misinformation.

Director Shepherd exited the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:44 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:13 p.m.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster reported on an automobile accident involving a District employee and an uninsured driver.

PERSONNEL: Eric Hixson hired Jake White for the Electrical Mechanical Technician position in Gothenburg.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The following travel was approved by the General Manager for October:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Eric Hixson	Clean Currents	Cincinnati, OH	October 10-13, 2023

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference, October 24-25, 2023 in Lincoln
- b. 2023 NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention, November 19-21, 2023 in Kearney

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: None.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mike Drain stated the landowner near the Phillips Canyon boat ramp project signed the required paperwork that was provided approximately 5 months ago, but this has delayed construction to 2024. The District received a FOIA request from Richard Borman.
- b. Scott Dicke discussed the September 11, 2023 Central District Water User meeting where they discussed water rates and potential increases, historic trends, wholesale power costs, and possible solutions for irrigators chemigating over canals which causes an increase in aquatic growth. A meeting will be held on October 18, 2023 with representatives from UNL, the NRCS and Tri-Basin NRD to develop a plan for education and outreach regarding chemigating over canals. He continues working on the 2024 budget and would like to hold a Water Services Committee meeting in early November. Tri-Basin requested a letter of support for a grant for their net recharge tool.
- c. Rochelle Jurgens will continue working on the 2024 budget over the next month.
- d. Eric Hixson reported the concrete pad for the Diversion Dam dredge booster pump was completed. Kingsley Hydro has been in an outage this week and will continue through next week. The outages on the small hydros will also begin next week.
- e. Alex Linden will attend a tour of Cooper Nuclear Station next week with legislative staff members.
- f. Devin Brundage suggested the possibility of a board tour of Cooper Nuclear Station during the next retreat. He attended the PRRIP Governance Committee meeting this week and reported on discussions on the North Platte chokepoint. The Flatwater Group is creating a video of the South Platte canal project that focuses on the benefit that could have been captured had the project been completed for this current water season. He announced Neal Niedfeldt retired from Southern Public Power District.
- g. Steve Osterbuhr reported the new pipe to replace a broken pipeline north of Bertrand was delivered.
- h. Devin Brundage reported on behalf of Tyler Thulin that Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,229.8, 898,100 acre-feet, and 50% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy include Glendo transfer water and outflows are around 200 cfs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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Also present were the following:

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Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Gary Robison
John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	

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

At 9:01 a.m. Board President Rowe announced the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Thorburn reported Tri-Basin had a busy month with Husker Harvest Days, range judging, and the Rainwater Basin Conservation Day.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the September 22, 2023 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 September 5, 2023**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 22, 2023**
- **Approval of the October Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check #s 70730, 70830, 70831, 70832, 70833, 70834, & 70835–VOID; \$1,803,278.44
70801 through 71056 & 8901086 through 8901114 (Accounts Payable)

Payroll \$577,264.62

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3579 through 3590 (Accounts Payable) \$68,278.23

Glendo Division:

NONE \$NONE

- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 19604 – B’s Enterprises Inc. for Bridge Lumber (\$101,716.34)**
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It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Knoerzer 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, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

LOWBOY TRAILER FOR GOTHENBURG: Cory Steinke stated the addition of disc brakes for the trailer will increase the cost approximately \$20,000.00. Staff recommended accepting the bid from Hawk Company in the amount of \$140,418.00, Work Order No. 107468 in the amended amount of \$180,800.00, and the following Revision #7 to the 2023 Budget:

Hydro Division	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference
<u>Supply Canal Capital</u>			
Lowboy Trailer	\$0	\$180,800	\$180,800

It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the bid from Hawk Company in the amount of \$140,418.00, Work Order No. 107468 in the amount of \$180,800.00, and Revision #7 to the 2023 Budget in the Net Difference of \$180,800.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 TO MEAD & HUNT CONTRACT FOR KINGSLEY DAM PMF STUDY: Mike Drain presented the contract amendment in the amount of \$60,700.00 for a total contract amount (over the course of the past 10 years) to \$835,620.00. Drain explained the inflow design flow flood analysis was initiated over 10 years ago, and a wave run-up study will be required upon completion of the probable maximum flood study and a final design for the new facing of Kingsley Dam.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve Amendment No. 14 to the Mead & Hunt Contract for the Kingsley Dam PMF Study. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

RETIREE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT RENEWAL FOR 2024: Rochelle Jurgens presented the 2024 rate for the Medicare supplement plan for retirees hired prior to January 1, 2000 of \$222.65, which represents a 5.3% premium increase.

It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Tim Boyle to approve the 2024 Retiree Medicare Supplement Renewal Rate of \$222.65. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

TRI-BASIN NRD REQUEST: John Thorburn asked for a letter of support for Tri-Basin's Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant application for their Net Recharge Management Tool. Scott Dicke reminded the directors of the District's commitment to supply Tri-Basin with surface water and recharge data by township. There was discussion about the amount of District staff time it will take to compile the data on a regular basis to update the model.

It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Mueller to approve management to submit a letter of support for Tri-Basin NRD's WaterSMART grant application for their Net Recharge Management Tool. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Shepherd voted no. Bogle abstained. The motion was declared carried.

MEAN POWER CONTRACT: This was discussed in Closed Session.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden mentioned Senator Erdman's recent articles questioning Central's purchase of land near Lake McConaughy. Mike Drain reported a bi-partisan Senate bill SB2994 has been introduced, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Finance. SB2994 would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams in order to increase clean energy production, improve the resiliency and reliability of the United States electric grid, enhance the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitats, and for other purposes. He intends to meet with Congressman Adrian Smith to garner his support for the bill that would provide a 30% tax credit for dam safety and environmental enhancements.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference, October 24-25, 2023 in Lincoln
- b. 2023 NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention, November 19-21, 2023 in Kearney

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director R. Olson appreciates Mike Drain's progress reports on the FERC studies and refacing plans for Kingsley Dam.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster reported on two recent FOIA requests and the status of the auto accident caused by an uninsured driver.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,231.5, 906, 200 acre feet, and 52% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,400 cfs and there are no releases due to the Kingsley Hydro outage. Jeffrey Lake was lowered 6' for the

hydro outage and will be refilled around October 10, 2023. Johnson Lake will be lowered approximately 13' starting October 26, 2023 to prepare for the J-1 outlet inspections and shoreline clean-up while the hydro is in a maintenance outage.

- b. Cory Steinke has received several requests from the public to make certain repairs or conduct maintenance activities at Johnson Lake while it is low. He reported on the process for filing a permit with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to reintroduce sediment downstream at the Diversion Dam under certain flow conditions. The new bridge timbers for a county bridge in Lincoln County that was damaged have been delivered.
- c. Mike Drain will apply for the Department of Energy Section 247 funding by the end of this week. The Section 247 funding, if approved, would provide up to \$5,000,000 for the Kingsley Dam refacing project.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens reported the irrigation bills will be mailed to customers this week.
- e. Eric Hixson discussed the work conducted during recent hydro outages.
- f. Alex Linden will present information about the District at the LEAD meeting in McCook tomorrow. He has helped lead numerous tours of the South Platte Canal project for state senators and their staff. The next tour is scheduled on October 23, 2023.
- g. Scott Dicke reported on work planned to the E67 headgate while Johnson Lake is low for the hydro outages. He met with the contractor for the Elwood Dam seepage mitigation project last week and continues negotiations with landowners for the E65 Siphon project. The system experienced 3 days of excess flows last week that brought in 1,500 acre feet of recharge, which brings the total amount of recharge for the year to 17,000 acre feet. He is considering budgeting for a potential canal lining project. He expects Tri-Basin NRD to send a contract proposal for additional recharge.
- h. Devin Brundage and Alex Linden met with Ken Schilz about the Ivers land acquisition at Lake McConaughy. Eric Hixson and Brundage continue to meet with MEAN to complete the power contract to begin January 1, 2024. He reported on work being done to explore the best route to increase revenues on generation from Jeffrey Hydro. He and staff have been exploring options to capture some of value identified in the consolidation study, potentially through an interlocal cooperative arrangement of some kind.

A break was taken at 10:43 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:53 a.m.

At 10:53 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Boyle to enter into Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Shepherd. Absent was: Mueller. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. The reason for entering Closed Session was for contract negotiation purposes related to the MEAN Power Contract.

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

At 11:20 AM it was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Mueller 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, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to contract negotiations related to the MEAN Power Contract.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Dahlgren and seconded by Director Knoerzer to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 11:20 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, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

William E. Knoerzer, Secretary

By _____
David L. Rowe, President