

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Friday, April 5, 2024

I. Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors was held at the Beatrice District Office, located at 606 Irving Street, Beatrice, Nebraska on April 5, 2024. President Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced that the District abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act is available for review by anyone present at the meeting. President Tegtmeier advised the Board that the Statutory Notice of the meeting had been published and that an Attendance Sign-in Sheet is available for public visitors.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

III. Roll Call

Administrative Coordinator Emily Shockley called the roll.

Board Members Present: Todd Buel, Rodney Heinrichs, Dennis Hentzen, Stewart Huneke, Mark Knobel, Gary Kroese, John Novotny, Tom Sieck, Bruce Tegtmeier, Berneal Warner

Board Members Absent: Kenny Myers

Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Ryan Krupicka, John Humble

Present Attorney: None

Present Guests: Randy Weise; Phil Goering, Hickman Mayor; Kelly Oelke, Hickman City Administrator

To excuse Kenny Myers from the board meeting for medical reasons. Passed with a motion by Todd Buel and a second by Mark Knobel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by Berneal Warner and a second by John Novotny. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

V. Public Comments

Gary Kroese commented that the Hickman Voice published an article regarding the Lease Agreement between the City of Hickman and Norris Public Power District.

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Ryan Krupicka and John Humble.

VI. General Manager and Department Reports

VI.A. General Manager Report

Trevor Wehrer provided the Safety and Training Report.

Bruce Vitosh provided the Personnel Report and highlights of the General Manager Report.

VI.B. Proprietary Customer Information

Michelle Junker reviewed the Summary of Revenues for February 2024 in comparison to February 2023.

VI.C. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of February 2024. Operating revenues for the month ending February 2024, were \$6,645,902, in comparison to the budget of \$7,307,581. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$15,057,646, in comparison to the budget of \$15,183,303. For the month ending February 29, 2024, net margins were \$129,749, in comparison to a budget of a negative \$133,830. Year-to-date, net margins were \$873,676 in comparison to a budget of \$341,487. Total cash and investments on February 29, 2024 were \$35,406,344.

VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report

The Board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Department Report.

VI.E. Engineering Report

The Board reviewed the Engineering Department Report.

VI.F. Operations Report

Trevor Wehrer presented highlights of the Operations Department Report. Wehrer provided an update on the latest sale of vehicles that were sold on a Purple Wave online auction.

Approval of the General Manager and Department Reports including the check listing, outgoing wire transfers and credit card statement for February 2024. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Berneal Warner. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

VII. Approval of Purchases \$125,000-\$250,000

VII.A. Pole Inspection Services

Bruce Vitosh presented information about the quotes for the District's 2024 pole inspection program. Vitosh recommended that the Board accept the billing rate quote from SBS Inspections.

To approve the one-year billing rates quote from SBS Inspections for 2024 pole inspections. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel and a second by Rodney Heinrichs. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

VII.B. AMI Meters

Bruce Vitosh presented a quote for 1,344 AMI meters from Eaton Cannon Technologies, Inc. These meters will primarily be used in the City of Hickman.

To approve the purchase of 1,344 AMI meters from Eaton Cannon Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$244,789.71. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. None

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

Stewart Huneke reported that the next NREA committee and board meetings are scheduled for May 8 and 9, 2024 in Norfolk.

IX.B. Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO)

Bruce Tegtmeier provided a RESCO update. The next RESCO board meeting is scheduled for June 2024 in Minneapolis.

IX.C. Comments

Bruce Vitosh presented a schedule for the Directors to attend Employee Appreciation Lunches that will be held throughout the District in April 2024.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Safety and Loss Review

Trevor Wehrer presented the Annual Safety and Loss Review covering the five-year period from 2019 through 2023.

XI. New Business

XI.A. Federated Property and Liability Insurance Renewal

Michelle Junker presented that the Federated Rural Electric Insurance annual renewal premium effective May 1, 2024 will be \$316,531 for the District's property and liability insurance. Junker provided an explanation for the increase in the premium over the prior year.

Approval for payment of the Federated Rural Electric Insurance property and liability insurance annual renewal premium of \$316,531, effective May 1, 2024. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese and a second by John Novotny. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.B. 2023 Finance Report

Michelle Junker presented highlights of the 2023 Finance Report.

XI.C. City of Hickman Electric System Lease Agreement

Bruce Vitosh provided a presentation detailing Hickman demographics, rate comparisons, discussion regarding the lease agreement at the March 26, 2024 Hickman City Council meeting, street and ball field lighting, and locating services in the City. Hickman Mayor Phil Goering and City Administrator Kelly Oelke were present for a majority of the discussion to address questions and provide comments relative to the lease agreement discussions. Vitosh recommended that the Board approve the Electric System Lease Agreement with Hickman, subject to legal counsel review and to authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the Electric System Lease Agreement.

To approve Electric System Lease Agreement with Hickman, subject to legal counsel review and to authorize General Manager to finalize and execute the Electric System Lease Agreement. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke and a second by Mark Knobel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

STEWART A. HUNEKE, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

BRUCE D. TEGTMEIER, PRESIDENT