

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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 2, 2025. President Sieck 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 Sieck 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, Alan Wallman, Randy Weise

Board Members Absent: None

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Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Kenzie Brueggemann, Jerry Enns, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Patty Folkerts, Lisa Hill

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: Kenny Myers

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025 Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

V. Public Comments

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Patty Folkerts and Lisa Hill.

VI. General Manager and Department Reports

VI.A. General Manager Report

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2025 Safety Committee Meeting. 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 2025 in comparison to February 2024.

VI.C. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of February 2025. Operating revenues for the month ending February 2025 were \$7,993,872, in comparison to the budget of \$6,901,998. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$16,492,138, in comparison to the budget of \$15,560,097. For the month ending February 28, 2025, net margins were \$97,679, in comparison to a budget of \$30,981. Year-to-date, net margins were \$454,145 in comparison to a budget of \$523,277. Total cash and investments on February 28, 2025 were \$40,381,064.

VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report

The board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.E. Customer Services Report

Kenzie Brueggemann provided highlights of the Customer Services Report.

VI.F. Engineering Report

Jerry Enns provided highlights of the Engineering Department Report.

VI.G. Operations Report

Trevor Wehrer provided highlights of the Operations Department Report.

Approval of the General Manager and Department Reports including the check listing, outgoing wire transfers and credit card statement for February 2025. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VII. Approval of Purchases \$125,000-\$750,000

VII.A. Subtransmission Poles - Winter Storm Outage Restoration

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed a purchase of 62 subtransmission poles that were needed for outage restoration purposes.

In accordance with the General Manager Authority Resolution, on March 20, 2025, Bruce Vitosh authorized the purchase of 62 poles from Border States in the amount of \$147,927.77, plus applicable sales taxes. Due to numerous broken poles as a result of the March 19, 2025 winter storm that passed through the District, Bruce Vitosh determined that it was a business necessity to place the order for poles rather than wait until the upcoming Board Meeting for Board approval.

To ratify the purchase of 62 subtransmission poles from Border States in the amount of \$147,927.77, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VII.B. Line Material - Winter Storm Outage Restoration

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed the purchase of line materials that were needed for outage restoration purposes.

In accordance with the General Manager Authority Resolution, on March 22, 2025, Bruce Vitosh authorized the purchase of line materials from Border States in the amount of \$133,133.16, plus applicable sales taxes. Due to extensive damage to the Norris electric system as a result of the March 19, 2025 winter storm that passed through the District, Bruce Vitosh determined that it was a business necessity to place the order for line materials rather than wait until the upcoming Board Meeting for Board approval.

To ratify the purchase of line materials from Border States in the amount of \$133,133.16, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Dennis Hentzen. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: 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 7 and 8, 2025 in Norfolk.

IX.B. NRECA PowerXchange

The Directors and Bruce Vitosh provided highlights from their attendance at the 2025 NRECA PowerXchange that was held during the week of March 9, 2025.

IX.C. Comments

There were no comments.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

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, 2025 will be \$367,352 for the District's property and liability insurance. Junker provided an explanation for the premium increase over the prior year and discussed coverage options that were considered by management.

Approval for payment of the Federated Rural Electric Insurance property and liability insurance annual renewal premium of \$367,352, effective May 1, 2025. Passed with a motion by Todd Buel and a second by Stewart Huneke. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.B. 2024 Finance Report

The 2024 Finance Report presentation was tabled until the May 6, 2025 Board Meeting.

XI.C. Today's Power, Inc. Solar Power Services Agreements Negotiations

To enter into closed session to discuss Today's Power, Inc. Solar Power Services Agreements negotiations. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke and a second by Dennis Hentzen. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

The Board entered into closed session at 10:42 a.m. to discuss Today's Power, Inc. Solar Power Services Agreements negotiations.

President Sieck reminded the Board that this is the only topic that will be discussed in closed session.

The Board resumed open session at 11:19 a.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.D. Monolith Interconnection Construction Agreements and Electric Service Agreement Negotiations

To enter into closed session to discuss Monolith Interconnection Construction Agreements and Electric Service Agreement negotiations. Passed with a motion by Dennis Hentzen 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

The Board entered into closed session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss Monolith Interconnection Construction Agreements and Electric Service Agreement negotiations.

President Sieck reminded the Board that this is the only topic that will be discussed in closed session.

The Board resumed open session at 11:30 a.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Todd Buel and a second by Randy Weise. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.E. Winter Storm Outage Restoration Follow-Up

The management team presented details regarding the eight-day outage restoration and ongoing work on the Norris electric system associated with the winter storm on March 19, 2025.

The winter storm caused significant destruction across the Norris electric system. Norris employees and mutual aid partners safely worked extremely long days over the eight-day outage event to return power to Norris customers as quickly as possible. Due to the number of customers who lost power and the length of time in which some customers were without power, a request was made by Bruce Vitosh that the District provide a discretionary bonus to salaried exempt employees based on the extraordinary hours worked during the eight-day outage restoration period.

To authorize General Manager Bruce Vitosh to provide a discretionary bonus to salaried exempt employees as discussed. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs and a second by Stewart Huneke. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke and a second by Alan Wallman. 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,
Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea



STEWART A. HUNEKE SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM L. SIECK, PRESIDENT