

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026

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 1, 2026. 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

Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Kenzie Brueggemann, Jerry Enns, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Hudson Flammang, Caleb Horton

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: None

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the March 4, 2026 Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

V. Public Comments

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Hudson Flammang and Caleb Horton.

VI. General Manager and Department Reports

VI.A. General Manager Report

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2026 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. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of February 2026. Operating revenues for the month ending February 2026 were \$6,902,531, in comparison to the budget of \$7,579,375. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$15,339,986, in comparison to the budget of \$16,000,509. For the month ending February 28, 2026, net margins were \$9,279, in comparison to a budget of \$209,980. Year-to-date, net margins were \$420,801 in comparison to a budget of \$582,198. Total cash and investments on February 28, 2026 were \$38,356,416.

VI.C. Finance and Accounting Report

The board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.D. Customer Services Report

Kenzie Brueggemann provided highlights of the Customer Services Report. Brueggemann communicated to the Board that the District evaluated its billing practices in response to concerns expressed by Norris customer Alvin Endorf at the March 4, 2026 Board Meeting about the timeliness of receiving his electric bill. Director Mark Knobel also reported that he visited with Mr. Endorf about his concerns at the previous Board Meeting.

After communication with the District's software provider and researching the delivery of electric bills through the U.S. Postal Service, it was determined that generally customers are receiving their electric bill with adequate time to make payment by the due date. Brueggeman also reported that NRECA is focused on communicating with Congress, the Administration, and the U.S. Postal Service to improve reliability and to provide affordable postal rates in rural areas. The Board supported management's recommendation to make no changes to current billing practices.

VI.E. Engineering Report

Jerry Enns provided highlights of the Engineering Department Report.

VI.F. 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 2026. 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. None

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. None

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

Stewart Huneke communicated that the next NREA Committee and Board Meetings will be held May 6 and 7, 2026 in Norfolk.

IX.B. NRECA PowerXchange

The directors and Bruce Vitosh provided highlights from their attendance at the 2026 NRECA PowerXchange that was held during the week of March 8, 2026.

IX.C. NREA and Northeast Community College Job Training and Safety Contract

To enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiations between NREA and Northeast Community College. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke 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

The board entered into closed session at 9:46 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations between NREA and Northeast Community College.

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

The board resumed open session at 10:20 a.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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

IX.D. Comments

Gary Kroese commented on a public discussion that is being held to discuss the future construction of a power plant and data center that is being proposed in the Adams area and the concerns he has about its impact on the local area.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

XI. New Business

XI.A. Hickman Memorandum of Understanding for New Electric Services

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed a Memorandum of Understanding for New Electric Services between Norris Public Power District and the City of Hickman. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to provide clarity regarding the construction of new electric services that were in transition as the District began serving the community at retail on October 1, 2024.

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding for New Electric Services between Norris Public Power District and City of Hickman. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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

XI.B. Review NPPD, Norris, and Longview Horizons Memorandum of Understanding

Bruce Vitosh communicated about a draft Memorandum of Understanding between Nebraska Public Power District, Norris Public Power District, and Longview Horizons, LLC that was recently received by Norris. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to document milestones, financial commitments, and criteria required by Longview Horizons to progress through the NPPD New Load Process. Longview Horizons has completed new load applications to construct a data center in Norris' service area.

XI.C. Federated Property and Liability Insurance Renewal

Michelle Junker presented that the Federated Rural Electric Insurance annual renewal premium effective May 1, 2026 will be \$407,341 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 \$407,341, effective May 1, 2026. 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

XI.D. 2025 Finance Report

Michelle Junker presented highlights of the 2025 Finance Report.

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. 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



RANDY L. WEISE, SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM L. SIECK, PRESIDENT