

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

I. Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors was held at the Carleton Fire Hall, located at 408 4th Street, Carleton, Nebraska on August 13, 2024. President Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:04 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.

111. Roll Call

Administrative Coordinator Emily Shockley called the roll.

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

Board Members Absent: Stewart Huneke

Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Jerry Enns, Michelle Junker, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: Fred Bruning and Jerry Catlett, Bruning Bank; Carley Bruning and Randall Hergott, Thayer County Economic Development Alliance; Alan Wallman

To excuse Stewart Huneke from the meeting due to illness. 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, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: 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 July 3, 2024 Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Kenny Myers. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark %Q10bel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

V. Public Comments

Fred Bruning and Jerry Catlett of Bruning Bank discussed the partnership between Norris, the community of Bruning, and Bruning Bank.

Director Rodney Heinrichs discussed the history and current business climate of the Carleton area.

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.

Due to the addition of four communities in the past two years and other growth, Bruce Vitosh informed the Board that the District intends to hire a Customer Service Representative for the Seward office. The District will begin the process of filling the position in August 2024.

VI.B. Proprietary Customer Information

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

VI.c. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of June 2024. Operating revenues for the month ending June 2024, were \$9,228,155, in comparison to the budget of \$9,408,116. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$43,539,256, in comparison to the budget of \$44,952,017. For the month ending June 30, 2024, net margins were \$2,526,608, in comparison to the budget of \$ 1,570,629. Year-to-date, net margins were \$4,364,816 in comparison to the budget of \$2,529,588. Total cash and investments on June 30, 2024 were \$35,582,093.

VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report

Michelle Junker provided highlights of the Finance and Accounting Department Report.

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 June 2024. Passed with a motion by Dennis Hentzen and a second by Rodney Heinrichs. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John

Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

MI. Approval of Purchases **\$125,000-\$750,000**

VII.A. Distribution Poles for Hebron Feeder Tie Project

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for 204 distribution poles for the Hebron Feeder Tie Project included in the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget.

In accordance with the General Manager Authority Resolution, Bruce Vitosh authorized the purchase of 204 distribution poles from RESCO, in the amount of \$135,611, plus applicable sales taxes. Due to long lead times, Bruce Vitosh determined that it was a business necessity to place the order for distribution poles rather than wait until the upcoming Board Meeting for Board approval.

To ratify the purchase of 240 distribution poles for the Hebron Feeder Tie Project included in the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget in the total amount of \$ 135 ,611.58, plus applicable sales taxes. 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, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: 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)

Bruce Vitosh reported on the NREA Committee and Board Meetings that were held August 7 and 8, 2024 in Scottsbluff.

IX.B. Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO)

Bruce Tegtmeier reported on the August 2024 RESCO Board Meeting.

IX.C. Comments

Administrative Coordinator Emily Shockley distributed the General Manager's 2024 performance evaluation packet to the Directors.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

M. New Business

M.A. Thayer County Economic Development Alliance Update, Carley Bruning,
Executive Director

Carley Bruning, Thayer County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director, provided an overview of the organization and current projects that are in progress. Randy Hergott who sits on the TCEDA Board was present at the meeting.

M.B. 2024-2025 Action Plans

Bruce Vitosh provided the Directors with an overview of the District's 2024-2025 Action Plans.

To accept the 2024-2025 Action Plans as presented. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese and a second by Rodney Heinrichs. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.C. 2023 Statistical Report

The 2023 Statistical Report agenda item will be tabled to the September 4, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda.

M.D. IBEW Negotiations

To enter into closed session to discuss IBEW negotiations. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel and a second by Berneal Warner. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

The Board entered into closed session at 11:38 a.m. to discuss IBEW negotiations.

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

The Board resumed open session at 11:51 a.m.

To resume open session. 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, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.E. Customer Billing Adjustment

To enter into closed session to discuss a customer billing adjustment. 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, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

The Board entered into closed session at 1 1:03 a.m. to discuss a customer billing adjustment.

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

The Board resumed open session at 1 1 :37 a.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Dennis Hentzen and a second by Kenny Myers. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District Office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea



THOMAS L. SIECK, VICE PRESIDENT

APPROVED:



BRUCE D. TEGTMEIER, PRESIDENT