

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

I. Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors was held at the Norris Operations Center, located at 3111 Progressive Avenue, Seward, Nebraska, on August 12, 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

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: Trent Varley, James Williams, Senator Tom Brandt, Courtney Dentlinger, Carsten Mlady

Director Mark Knobel departed the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Director Stewart Huneke departed the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 board meeting. Passed with a motion by Dennis Hentzen and a second by Gary Kroese. 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

There were no public comments.

VI. General Manager and Department Reports

VI.A. General Manager Report

Trevor Wehrer provided an update on electric system damage and outage restoration efforts in response to storms that passed through portions of the District's service territory on August 9 and August 10, 2025.

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2025 Safety Committee Meeting.

Trevor Wehrer provided the Safety and Training Report.

Bruce Vitosh provided highlights of the General Manager Report.

VI.B. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of June 2025. Operating revenues for the month ending June 2025 were \$9,269,456 in comparison to the budget of \$9,709,208. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$45,641,066 in comparison to the budget of \$45,272,617. For the month ending June 30, 2025, net margins were \$2,172,328, in comparison to a budget of \$1,609,509. Year-to-date, net margins were \$4,021,320 in comparison to a budget of \$2,594,934. Total cash and investments on June 30, 2025 were \$36,638,601.

VI.C. Finance and Accounting Report

The board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.D. Customer Services Report

Kenzie Bruggemann provided highlights of the Customer Services 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 2025. 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, 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. Consideration of Solar Developers for Diller and Hoag Solar Sites

ISI Solar President Trent Varley and Vice President James Williams were present at the board meeting to discuss the solar services they provide and answer questions from the board.

To enter into closed session to discuss proprietary solar developer quotes and options for the Diller and Hoag solar sites. 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

The board entered into closed session at 9:14 a.m. to discuss proprietary quotes received by solar vendors to provide solar power at the Diller and Hoag sites.

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

The board resumed open session at 9:45 a.m.

To resume open session. 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

To accept ISI Solar fixed pricing quote for the Diller site, and to authorize management to pursue a Solar Power Services Agreement and a Lease and Easement Agreement, and to reject all quotes for the Hoag site. 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, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. None

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

There was no NREA report.

IX.B. Comments

The General Manager performance appraisal forms were provided to each Director. President Sieck requested that the board complete and return the forms to him by August 27, 2025.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

XI. New Business

XI.A. District 32 Senator Tom Brandt

Nebraska Legislative District 32 State Senator Tom Brandt provided a legislative update and engaged in discussion on legislative topics with Norris directors and management. Senator Brandt was recognized for the outstanding job that he has done over his seven years in the legislature and for his support of public power.

XI.B. Forvis Mazars Audit Engagement Letter

Michelle Junker presented and discussed the Forvis Mazars Audit Engagement Letter for the financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2025.

To approve the Forvis Mazars Audit Engagement Letter. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs and a second by Randy Weise. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.C. NPPD Wholesale Power Contract - Courtney Dentlinger, VP of Customer Services & External Affairs & Chief Customer Officer

To enter into closed session to discuss Wholesale Power Contract 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 11:05 a.m. to discuss NPPD wholesale power contract 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 11:40 a.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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

Courtney Dentlinger, NPPD Vice President of Customer Services & External Affairs and Chief Customer Officer, provided an overview of the wholesale power contract negotiations and responded to questions from the board.

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District Office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs and a second by Gary Kroese. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: 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