

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 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 February 13, 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, Kenny Myers, John Novotny, Tom Sieck, Bruce Tegtmeier, Berneal Warner

Board Members Absent: None

Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Jerry Enns, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Kipp Haight, Brock McDougall

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: None

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024 Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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 December 2023 in comparison to December 2022.

VI.C. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of December 2023. Operating revenues for the month ending December 2023, were \$7,027,507, in comparison to the budget of \$7,460,426. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$92,457,374, in comparison to the budget of \$90,700,000. For the month ending December 31, 2023, net margins were \$699,082, in comparison to a budget of \$420,864. Year-to-date net margins were \$8,491,309 in comparison to a budget of \$8,929,000. Total cash and investments on December 31, 2023 were \$40,711,322.

VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report

The Board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.E. Engineering Report

Jerry Enns presented highlights of the Engineering Department Report.

VI.F. Operations Report

Trevor Wehrer presented 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 December 2023. 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, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

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

VII.A. None

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. Bid #24-1 - 5 MVA Transformer

Jerry Enns presented and discussed bids for a 5 MVA substation transformer. Enns recommended approving the bid from RESCO for three 5 MVA Virginia substation transformers in the amount of \$1,659,207, plus applicable sales taxes. Two of the substation transformers are expected to be installed in distribution substations where current loads are at the maximum capacity of the substation transformers.

The third substation transformer will be used to replenish stock.

To approve the purchase of three 5 MVA Virginia substation transformers from RESCO in the amount of \$1,659,207, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Rodney Heinrichs. Roll call vote. Bruce Tegtmeier: Abstain (With Conflict), Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

VIII.B. Bid #24-2 - 7.5 MVA Transformer

Jerry Enns presented and discussed bids for a 7.5 MVA substation transformer. Enns recommended approving the bid from RESCO for one 7.5 MVA Virginia substation transformer in the amount of \$630,800, plus applicable sales taxes. The substation transformer will be used to replenish stock.

To approve the purchase of one 7.5 MVA Virginia substation transformer from RESCO in the amount of \$630,800, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke and a second by Tom Sieck. Roll call vote. Bruce Tegtmeier: Abstain (With Conflict), Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

Stewart Huneke reported on the NREA Committee and Board Meetings, as well as the evening Legislative Event held on February 6, 2024.

IX.B. NREA Legislative Event and Director's Update

Directors who attended the NREA Legislative Event and Director training on February 6 and 7, 2024 in Lincoln reported on highlights taken from the event and training.

Bruce Vitosh reported on highlights taken from the NREA Committee and Board Meetings, NREA Legislative Event and the Managers Association Meeting held on February 6 and 7, 2024.

IX.C. Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO)

Bruce Tegtmeier provided a RESCO financial and operations update.

IX.D. Comments

There were no comments.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

XI. New Business

XI.A. Norris Goodwill Fund - 2023 Audit and Cash Flow Statement

Michelle Junker presented the 2023 Audit Report and Cash Flow Statement for the Norris Goodwill Fund. In 2023, the Fund collected \$89,588.01 in customer contributions and paid \$124,257 in grants to projects in the Norris service territory. The December 31, 2023 cash balance in the Goodwill Fund was \$46,648.75.

Approval of the 2023 Norris Goodwill Fund Audit and Cash Flow Statement. 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, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.B. Service Regulation 800 - Customer-Owned Generation

Bruce Vitosh explained proposed revisions to Service Regulation 800 - Customer-Owned Generation.

To approve proposed revisions to Service Regulation 800 - Customer-Owned Generation. Passed with a motion by Dennis Hentzen 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.C. Service Regulation 1100 - Line Extensions

Bruce Vitosh explained proposed revisions to Service Regulation 1100 - Line Extensions.

To approve proposed revisions to Service Regulation 1100 - Line Extensions. 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.D. Rate Schedule H8 - Large General Service

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed Rate Schedule H8 - Large General Service.

To approve Rate Schedule H8 - Large General Service. Passed with a motion by Tom Sieck 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

XI.E. NRECA International Program

Bruce Vitosh provided the Board with an NRECA International Program presentation. The NREA and the Wyoming Rural Electric Association are cooperatively pursuing participation in an NRECA International project. NRECA International implements electrification programs to improve the quality of life in rural communities and developing countries. It was the consensus of the Board that Norris support NREA's pursuit of participating in an NRECA International project.

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The Board Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

STEWART A. HUNEKE, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

BRUCE D. TEGTMEIER, PRESIDENT