

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 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 February 10, 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, Spencer Wurm, Lucas Helgoth

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: None

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 board meeting. Passed with a motion by John Novotny 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 Spencer Wurm and Lucas Helgoth who were present at the meeting.

Shaun Kracke, Sentry Electric addressed the board regarding Service Regulation 800 - Customer-Owned Generation. Kracke voiced his opposition to the District's visible open requirement included in the Standby Generation section for emergency home generators with an open transition automatic transfer switch. Kracke offered three suggestions that he believes would safely protect Norris personnel and the public without the need to have a visible open. Norris management will consider his suggestions and respond to him.

VI. General Manager and Department Reports

VI.A. General Manager Report

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 8, 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 December 2025. Operating revenues for the month ending December 2025, were \$7,862,113, in comparison to the budget of \$8,082,113. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$96,157,770, in comparison to the budget of \$97,764,941. For the month ending December 31, 2025, net margins were \$500,775, in comparison to a budget of \$577,619. Year-to-date net margins were \$11,747,047 in comparison to a budget of \$9,373,000. Total cash and investments on December 31, 2025 were \$38,583,064.

VI.C. Finance and Accounting Report

Michelle Junker presented highlights of the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.D. Customer Services Report

Kenzie Brueggemann presented highlights of the Customer Services 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 2025. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs 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

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

VII.A. Wilber Subtransmission Project Poles

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for 168 poles for the 2026 Capital Improvements Wilber Subtransmission Project.

To approve the purchase of 168 Stella Jones poles from Border States in the amount of \$360,697.86, plus applicable sales taxes. 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

VII.B. NPPD Princeton Road Station (PRS) Project

Bruce Vitosh stated that Norris has executed a Letter Agreement with NPPD that states how Norris will be reimbursed for costs incurred for providing NPPD Princeton Road Station construction power.

VII.B.a. 34.5 kV / 480V, 2500 kVA Padmount Transformers

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for four 34.5 kV / 480V, 2500 kVA padmount transformers to be used to provide construction power for the NPPD Princeton Road Station project.

To approve the purchase of four VanTran padmount transformers from Neotech Solutions in the amount of \$670,600, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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.B.b. 34.5 kV 1000 KCMIL Underground Conductor

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for 34.5 kV 1000 KCMIL underground conductor that is associated with providing construction power for the NPPD Princeton Road Station project.

To approve the purchase of 21,000' of Kerite 34.5 kV 1,000 KCMIL underground conductor from Border States in the amount of \$389,712.33, plus applicable sales taxes; and the purchase of 14,300' of Kerite 34.5 kV 4/0 underground conductor from Border States in the amount of \$112,163.62, plus applicable sales taxes. 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, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VII.B.c. 34.5 kV 4/0 Underground Conductor

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for 34.5 kV 4/0 underground conductor to be used to provide construction power for the NPPD Princheon Road Station project. .

VII.B.d. 34.5 kV Vacuum Fault Interrupter (VFI) Switchgear

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for a 34.5 kV vacuum fault interrupter switchgear to be used to provide construction power for the NPPD Princheon Road Station project.

To approve the purchase of a 34.5 kV vacuum fault interrupter switchgear from Border States in the amount of \$132,298.17, plus applicable sales taxes. 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

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. None

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

Stewart Huneke and Bruce Vitosh reported on highlights taken from the NREA Committee and Board Meetings, NREA Legislative Event, and the Managers Association Meeting held on February 4 and 5, 2026 in Lincoln. Vitosh communicated about the action taken by the NREA Board of Directors on certain legislative bills.

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 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

The board entered into closed session at 11:57 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 12:14 p.m.

To resume open session. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke 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

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

Directors who attended the NREA Legislative Event and Director training on February 4 and 5, 2026 in Lincoln reported on highlights taken from the event and training.

IX.C. Comments

There were no comments.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

XI. New Business

XI.A. Norris Goodwill Fund - 2025 Audit and Cash Flow Statement

Bruce Vitosh presented the 2025 Audit Report and Cash Flow Statement for the Norris Goodwill Fund. In 2025, the Fund collected \$95,110.20 in customer contributions and paid \$68,180 in grants to projects in the Norris service territory. The December 31, 2025 cash balance in the Goodwill Fund was \$56,741.42.

Approval of the 2025 Norris Goodwill Fund Audit and Cash Flow Statement. 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

XI.B. Amendment No. 1 to Electric Service Agreement between Monolith and Norris

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed Amendment No. 1 to the Electric Service Agreement between Monolith and Norris executed October 13, 2016.

To approve Amendment No. 1 to Electric Service Agreement between Monolith and Norris. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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.C. Resolution 2026-2.1 NPPD Wholesale Power Contract Customer Committee Member Designee

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed Resolution 2026-2.1 NPPD Wholesale Power Contract Customer Committee Member Designee.

To approve Resolution 2026-2.1 NPPD Wholesale Power Contract Customer Committee Member Designee. Passed with a motion by John Novotny 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.D. Public Records Request - IBEW Local Union 1250

Bruce Vitosh communicated that the District received a public records request from IBEW Local Union 1250 in Rapid City, South Dakota seeking wage information for specific job titles at Norris and benefits offered to employees.

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The Board Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Southeast Community College in Beatrice.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. 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, 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

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Printed Name Shawn T. Kracke

Signature 

Printed Name _____

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Company Sentry Electric

Company _____

Phone Number 402-239-3289

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Agenda Topic Generator Installations

Agenda Topic _____

**NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION 2026-2.1
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT CUSTOMER COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Norris Public Power District (Norris) entered into a Wholesale Power Contract (WPC) with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) on October 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the WPC has a term which runs from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2060; and

WHEREAS, within the WPC is the provision for a Customer Committee, which would meet approximately four times each calendar year, in conjunction with NPPD regular board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Customer Committee has a Customer Committee Charter which defines membership, areas of responsibility, and voting responsibilities; and


WHEREAS, per the specifications of the Customer Committee Charter, Norris will have a member on the Customer Committee as appointed by the Norris Board of Directors,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Norris Public Power District appoints Bruce Vitosh, General Manager and CEO to be Norris' representative on NPPD's Customer Committee as part of the WPC.

CERTIFICATION

I, Randy Weise, certify that I am Secretary of the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board of Directors at its regular meeting, held on the 10th day of February 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the above resolution has not been modified or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of Norris Public Power District on this 10th day of February 2026.



Randy Weise, Secretary
Norris Public Power District Board of Directors