

**NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 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 June 5, 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, Jerry Enns, Michelle Junker, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Cory Bauer, Lucas Trauernicht

**Present Attorney:** Dave Jarecke

**Present Guests:** None

**IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the May 7, 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**

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Cory Bauer and Lucas Trauernicht.

**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.

Vitosh communicated that Norris will begin posting Board Meeting Agendas, Board Meeting Minutes, and District Service Regulations on Norris' website.

Vitosh discussed legislative bills passed during the 2024 legislative session that impact the District.

Vitosh reported that a Memorandum of Understanding among Today's Power, Inc., Norris, and Gage County Board of Supervisors that addresses escrow requirements for the installation of solar arrays in Gage County has been drafted and will be presented to the Gage County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Vitosh provided an update on the Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) program and Norris' interest in pursuing small scale solar and energy storage systems with Today's Power, Inc.

#### **VI.B. Proprietary Customer Information**

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

#### **VI.C. Financial Statements**

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of April 2024. Operating revenues for the month ending April 2024, were \$6,076,951, in comparison to the budget of \$6,176,460. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$27,818,754, in comparison to the budget of \$28,543,244. For the month ending April 30, 2024, net margins were \$36,050, in comparison to a budget of \$5,484. Year-to-date, net margins were \$1,191,412 in comparison to a budget of \$663,751. Total cash and investments on April 30, 2024 were \$35,526,454.

#### **VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report**

The Board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Department 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 April 2024. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs 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

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

## **VII.A. Three-Phase Padmount Transformers**

Jerry Enns presented quotes for 13 three-phase padmount transformers. Enns recommended approving the bid from RESCO for ERMCO transformers in the amount of \$230,285, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve the quote from RESCO for 13 ERMCO transformers in the amount of \$230,285, plus applicable sales taxes. 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

## **VIII. Approval of Formal Bids**

### **VIII.A. None**

## **IX. Directors' Report**

### **IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)**

Stewart Huneke reported on the NREA Committee and Board Meetings that were held May 8 and 9, 2024 in Norfolk.

### **IX.B. Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO)**

Bruce Tegtmeier provided an update on RESCO operations and mentioned that he will be attending a RESCO Board Meeting this week in Minneapolis.

### **IX.C. Comments**

There were no comments.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **X.A. None**

## **XI. New Business**

### **XI.A. Workers Compensation Premium Approval**

Michelle Junker presented the Board with the Federated Rural Electric Insurance workers compensation premium proposal for the policy period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$203,209. Junker explained premium change details and how the number of claims impacted the increase in premiums over the prior year.

Approval of the Federated Rural Electric Insurance workers compensation premium proposal for the policy period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$203,209. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers 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.B. District Policy 320 - Employee Benefits**

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed proposed revisions to District Policy 320 - Employee Benefits.

To approve proposed revisions to District Policy 320 - Employee Benefits. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers 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, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

#### **XI.C. District Policy 365 - Travel Compensation**

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed proposed revisions to District Policy 365 - Travel Compensation.

To approve proposed revisions to District Policy 365 - Travel Compensation. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers and a second by Tom Sieck. 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. Hickman Lease Agreement Revisions**

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding and Electric System Lease Agreement between Norris and the City of Hickman. The most significant revisions included changes regarding street lighting and Wagon Train Heights Subdivision Project responsibilities.

To acknowledge and accept proposed revisions to the Hickman Electric System Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. 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, Stewart Huneke: 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, July 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the Beatrice District Office.

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers and a second by Tom Sieck. 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

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**STEWART A. HUNEKE, SECRETARY**

APPROVED:

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**BRUCE D. TEGTMEIER, PRESIDENT**