

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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 4, 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, Preston Meyer, Dakota Adams

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: None

Director Gary Kroese departed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 board meeting. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Preston Meyer and Dakota Adams.

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 April 2025 in comparison to April 2024.

VI.C. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of April 2025. Operating revenues for the month ending April 2025 were \$6,263,089 in comparison to the budget of \$6,119,228. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$29,435,473 in comparison to the budget of \$28,628,919. For the month ending April 30, 2025, net margins were \$349,587, in comparison to a budget of negative \$98,320. Year-to-date, net margins were \$1,213,906 in comparison to a budget of \$660,502. Total cash and investments on April 30, 2025 were \$40,030,215.

VI.D. Finance and Accounting Report

The board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.E. Customer Services Report

The board reviewed the Customer Services Report.

VI.F. Engineering Report

Jerry Enns provided highlights of the Engineering Department Report.

VI.G. 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 April 2025. Passed with a motion by Randy Weise and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

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

VII.A. Three-Phase Padmount Transformers

Jerry Enns presented and discussed quotes for twelve three-phase distribution padmount transformers. Due to lead times, a firm bid, and anticipated patronage allocation from RESCO, Enns recommended approving the quote from RESCO for twelve three-phase ERMCO distribution padmount transformers, in the amount of \$212,833.50 plus applicable taxes.

To approve the quote from RESCO for twelve three-phase ERMCO distribution padmount transformers, in the amount of \$212,833.50 plus applicable taxes. 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, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VII.B. IES and LES Mutual Aid Bills

Bruce Vitosh presented and discussed invoices from IES Electrical and Lincoln Electric System for mutual aid services.

To ratify the mutual aid payment to IES Electrical in the amount of \$360,898, and the mutual aid payment to LES in the amount of \$209,031. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Dennis Hentzen. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: 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 reported on the NREA Committee and Board Meetings that were held May 7 and 8, 2025 in Norfolk.

IX.B. Comments

There were no comments.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Today's Power, Inc. Solar Power Settlement Agreement and Release

Bruce Vitosh presented and reviewed the settlement agreement between Norris Public Power District and Today's Power, Inc.

To ratify the Solar Power Settlement Agreement and Release between Norris Public Power District and Today's Power, Inc. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke 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

XI. New Business

XI.A. Workers Compensation Premium Approval

Michelle Junker presented the Federated Rural Electric Insurance workers compensation premium proposal for the policy period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$257,724. Junker explained premium change details and how 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, 2025 to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$257,724. Passed with a motion by Alan Wallman and a second by Randy Weise. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.B. Rate Schedule 19 - Municipal Street Lighting

Kenzie Brueggemann presented proposed revisions to Rate Schedule 19 - Municipal Street Lighting.

XI.C. Service Regulation 700 - Customer Service Charges

Kenzie Brueggemann presented proposed revisions to Service Regulation 700 - Customer Service Charges.

To approve proposed revisions to Rate Schedule 19 - Municipal Street Lighting and Service Regulation 700 - Customer Service Charges. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs and a second by John Novotny. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.D. Service Regulation 1700 - Contract for Rates 6 & 7

Jerry Enns presented proposed revisions to Service Regulation 1700 - Contract for Rates 6 & 7.

To approve proposed revisions to Service Regulation 1700 - Contract for Rates 6 & 7. 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, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Stewart Huneke: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea



STEWART A. HUNEKE SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM L. SIECK, PRESIDENT