

**NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12, 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 March 12, 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, Dennis Hentzen, Mark Knobel, Gary Kroese, Kenny Myers, John Novotny, Bruce Tegtmeier, Berneal Warner

**Board Members Absent:** Rodney Heinrichs, Stewart Huneke, Tom Sieck

**Present Employees:** Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Jerry Enns, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Bill Nitzsche, Garrett Stutzman

**Present Attorney:** Dave Jarecke

**Present Guests:** Randy Weise; Rick Nelson, NREA General Manager; Greg Strehle, NREA President; Vance McCoy, NREA Vice President; Chris Linder, FORVIS Partner; and Colby Jensen, FORVIS Audit Director

Director Rodney Heinrichs arrived at the board meeting at 9:05 a.m.

To excuse Tom Sieck from the board meeting due to illness. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel and a second by Dennis Hentzen. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

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

To approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting and the February 27, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Kenny Myers. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: 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 January 2024 in comparison to January 2023.

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

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of January 2024. Operating revenues for the month ending January 2024, were \$8,411,744, in comparison to the budget of \$7,875,722. For the month ending January 31, 2023, net margins were \$743,927, in comparison to a budget of \$475,317. Total cash and investments on January 31, 2024 were \$35,328,582.

### **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 January 2024. Passed with a motion by Rodney Heinrichs and a second by Kenny Myers. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: 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. None**

## **IX. Directors' Report**

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

There was no NREA update provided.

### **IX.B. NRECA PowerXchange**

The Directors provided highlights from their attendance at the 2024 NRECA PowerXchange that was held during the week of March 3, 2024.

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

Bruce Tegtmeier provided a RESCO update.

### **IX.D. Comments**

There were no comments.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

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

## **XI. New Business**

### **XI.A. NREA Update - NREA Executive Team**

The NREA executive team consisting of Rick Nelson, General Manager; Greg Strehle, President; and Vance McCoy, Vice President provided an NREA update and addressed questions and comments presented to the NREA representatives.

### **XI.B. 2023 Audit Report - FORVIS**

FORVIS Partner Chris Linder and Audit Director Colby Jensen presented highlights of the 2023 financial audit. The auditors issued an unmodified or clean opinion. The auditors reported that a revision was made to the presentation of lease fees and municipal billing collections and remittances within the statement of cash flows. Since the revision was suggested by the auditors, the revision is considered a deficiency in internal control that is not considered a material weakness or significant deficiency. The auditors were very complimentary of the accounting department for their work in preparation and during the audit. After the auditor presentation, management, employees, and a member of the public who were at the meeting excused themselves to allow Lindner and Jensen to discuss the financial audit without these individuals being present. The Directors extended congratulations to management and staff on a successful audit.

Acceptance of the 2023 Financial Audit Report. Passed with a motion by Todd Buel and a second by Dennis Hentzen. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis

Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

### **XI.C. FORVIS Engagement Letter for NRECA Benefit Plans Participant Review**

Bruce Vitosh presented details regarding the FORVIS engagement letter to perform compliance procedures on Norris group benefit plans administered by NRECA.

Approval of FORVIS Engagement Letter to perform compliance procedures on Norris group benefit plans administered by NRECA. 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, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

### **XI.D. Safety and Loss Review**

The Annual Safety and Loss Review agenda item was tabled until the April 2024 Board meeting.

### **XI.E. Service Regulations 700 - Customer Service Charges**

The Board reviewed a proposed revision to District Service Regulation 700 - Customer Service Charges.

To approve a proposed revision to District Service Regulation 700 - Customer Service Charges. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers and a second by Todd Buel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

### **XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. Passed with a motion by Kenny Myers and a second by Mark Knobel. Roll call vote. Todd Buel: Yea, Rodney Heinrichs: Yea, Dennis Hentzen: Yea, Mark Knobel: Yea, Gary Kroese: Yea, Kenny Myers: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Bruce Tegtmeier: Yea, Berneal Warner: Yea

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**STEWART A. HUNEKE, SECRETARY**

APPROVED:

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**BRUCE D. TEGTMEIER, PRESIDENT**