

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 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 March 4, 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, Tom Sieck, Alan Wallman, Randy Weise

Board Members Absent: None

Board Members Tardy: John Novotny arrived at 9:36 a.m.

Present Employees: Bruce Vitosh, Michelle Junker, Kenzie Brueggemann, Jerry Enns, Trevor Wehrer, Emily Shockley, Skyler Key, Kaleb Trausch

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: Alvin Endorf

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 board meeting and February 27, 2026 special board meeting. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

V. Public Comments

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Skyler Key and Kaleb Trausch.

Norris customer Alvin Endorf expressed his concerns about the length of time between the monthly billing date and the payment due date. Endorf expressed that ongoing delays with the United States Postal Service do not allow sufficient time to receive the bill and mail a payment to

the District before the due date. Endorf also commented on other operational concerns that occurred in the past.

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. Financial Statements

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of January 2026. Operating revenues for the month ending January 31, 2026, were \$8,437,455 in comparison to the budget of \$8,421,134. For the month ending January 31, 2025, net margins were \$411,521, in comparison to a budget of \$372,218. Total cash and investments on January 31, 2026 were \$39,996,739.

VI.C. Finance and Accounting Report

The board reviewed the Finance and Accounting Report.

VI.D. Customer Services Report

The board reviewed the Customer Services Report.

VI.E. Engineering Report

Jerry Enns provided highlights of the Engineering Department Report.

VI.F. 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 January 2026. 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

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

VII.A. Smithfield Foods Transformers

Jerry Enns presented and reviewed a quote from VanTran Transformers for the purchase of two transformers. Enns recommended approving the quote in the amount of \$330,700, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve the purchase of two transformers from VanTran Transformers in the amount of \$330,700, plus applicable sales 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, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VII.B. Subtransmission Poles

Jerry Enns presented quotes for 120 subtransmission poles. Enns recommended approving the quote from Border States, for 120 Stella Jones subtransmission poles, in the amount of \$255,919.18, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve the purchase of 120 Stella Jones subtransmission poles from Border States in the amount of \$255,919.18, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by John Novotny 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.C. Three-Phase Padmount Transformers

Jerry Enns presented quotes for three-phase padmount transformers. Enns recommended approving the quote from Border States for 15 WEG three-phase padmount transformers, in the amount of \$256,647.38, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve the purchase of 15 WEG three-phase padmount transformers from Border States in the amount of \$256,647.38, plus applicable sales taxes. Passed with a motion by Randy Weise 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.D. 833 kVA Transformers

Jerry Enns presented quotes for 833 kVA single-phase substation transformers. Enns recommended approving the quote from WESCO for three Uptegraff 833 kVA single-phase substation transformers, in the amount of \$280,770, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve the purchase of three Uptegraff 833 kVA single-phase substation transformers from WESCO in the amount of \$280,770, plus applicable sales taxes. 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, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

VIII. Approval of Formal Bids

VIII.A. 26-1 Single-Phase Distribution Transformers

Jerry Enns presented and discussed formal bids for single-phase distribution transformers. Enns recommended approving the bid from RESCO for 522 ERMCO transformers, in the amount

of \$1,000,700, plus applicable sales taxes.

To approve bid #26-1 for 522 ERMCO transformers from RESCO, in the amount of \$1,000,700, 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

IX. Directors' Report

IX.A. Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

Stewart Huneke communicated that the next NREA Committee and Board Meetings will be held May 6 and 7, 2026 in Norfolk.

IX.B. NREA and Northeast Community College Job Training and Safety Contract

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 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

The board entered into closed session at 11:12 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 11:47 a.m.

To resume open session. 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

IX.C. Comments

Board President Tom Sieck presented Mark Knobel with a Director Gold Certificate from NRECA.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. None

XI. New Business

XI.A. 2025 Audit Report - Forvis Mazars

Forvis Mazars Audit Director Colby Jensen presented highlights of the 2025 financial audit. The auditors issued an unmodified or clean opinion.

After Jensen's presentation, management and employees who were at the meeting excused themselves to allow Jensen to discuss the financial audit without these individuals being present.

Acceptance of the 2025 Financial Audit Report. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke 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. Service Regulation 350 - Irrigation Security Requirements

Kenzie Brueggemann proposed District Service Regulation 350 - Irrigation Security Requirements.

To approve Service Regulation 350 - Irrigation Security Requirements. Passed with a motion by Mark Knobel 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, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

XI.C. Safety and Loss Review

Trevor Wehrer presented the Annual Safety and Loss Review covering the five-year period from 2021 through 2025.

XII. Notification of Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the boardroom at the Beatrice District office.

XIII. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. 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



RANDY L. WEISE, SECRETARY

APPROVED:



TOM L. SIECK, PRESIDENT