

**NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 8, 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 July 8, 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, Gabe Haase, Preston Brinegar, Jared Jochum

Present Attorney: Dave Jarecke

Present Guests: Nicole Sedlacek, Carsten Mlady, Bruce Tegtmeier, Senator Myron Dorn, Gary Thompson

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

To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2025 Board Meeting. 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, Gary Kroese: Yea, John Novotny: Yea, Tom Sieck: Yea, Alan Wallman: Yea, Randy Weise: Yea

**V. Public Comments**

Bruce Vitosh introduced employee guests Gabe Haase and Preston Brinegar.

## **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.

Bruce Vitosh presented information on the Monolith revised Olive Creek 2 Business Plan.

### **VI.B. Financial Statements**

Michelle Junker presented financial information for the month of May 2025. Operating revenues for the month ending May 2025 were \$6,936,137 in comparison to the budget of \$6,934,490. Year-to-date operating revenues were \$36,371,610 in comparison to the budget of \$35,563,409. For the month ending May 31, 2025, net margins were \$635,086, in comparison to a budget of \$324,923. Year-to-date, net margins were \$1,848,992 in comparison to a budget of \$985,425. Total cash and investments on May 31, 2025 were \$37,269,945.

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

Michelle Junker provided highlights of 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 May 2025. Passed with a motion by Gary Kroese 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. Approval of Purchases \$125,000-\$750,000**

## **VII.A. City of Hickman Underground Duct**

Trevor Wehrer presented the financial benefit and timing of having Bauer Underground install underground duct in the City of Hickman and the need for the installation.

To ratify payment of the invoice from Bauer Underground for underground duct work in the City of Hickman in the amount of \$188,509.79. Passed with a motion by Stewart Huneke 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 reported that the next NREA Committee and Board Meetings are scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2025 in Scottsbluff.

### **IX.B. CFC Forum**

Stewart Huneke and Bruce Vitosh reported on the CFC Forum that was held in New York City from June 30 through July 2, 2025.

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

There were no comments.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

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

## **XI. New Business**

### **XI.A. RESCO Update - Bruce Tegtmeier**

Former Norris Director and RESCO board member Bruce Tegtmeier presented a report on RESCO's financial stability and provided an operational update.

### **XI.B. NPPD Update - Nicole Sedlacek and Carsten Mlady**

NPPD Economic Development Manager Nicole Sedlacek and Account Representative Carsten Mlady delivered a presentation on NPPD's New Load Process. The presentation outlined

NPPD's plan for adding generation capacity to meet the electrical demands of new loads and Southwest Power Pool generation planning reserve margins.

### **XI.C. NPPD Wholesale Power Contract**

Bruce Vitosh presented a detailed report of the key provisions included in the latest 2026 Nebraska Public Power District Wholesale Power Contract draft. Vitosh communicated the guiding principles alignment and other related information that supports the key provisions. A timeline for further review and board approval of the contract was presented.

### **XI.D. District 30 Senator Myron Dorn**

Nebraska Legislative District 30 State Senator Myron Dorn provided a legislative update and engaged in discussion on legislative topics with Norris directors and management. Senator Dorn was recognized for the outstanding job that he has done over his seven years in the legislature and for his support of public power.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the conference room at the Seward Operations Center.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Passed with a motion by John Novotny and a second by Stewart Huneke. 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



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**STEWART A. HUNEKE, SECRETARY**

**APPROVED:**



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**TOM L. SIECK, PRESIDENT**