

**Minutes of the 144th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Northeast Nebraska Public Power District**

The 144th regular meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District was called to order at 7:36 p.m., on November 23, 2009, by President Don Larsen. This meeting was held in the power district's General Office in Wayne, NE. President Larsen announced that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the Nebraska Open Meetings Law and pointed out the location of the law in the meeting room.

Notice of this meeting was posted at all facilities of Northeast Nebraska Public Power District and was delivered by first class mail to the City Hall offices of the following towns and villages: Allen, Carroll, Concord, Dixon, Emerson, Foster, Hoskins, Hubbard, Jackson, Martinsburg, Maskell, McLean, Newcastle, Obert, Osmond, Pierce, Ponca, Thurston, Waterbury, Wayne, and Winside. Notice was also sent to the following newspapers: Nebraska Journal Leader, Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk Shopper, Pender Times, Pierce County Leader, Osmond Republican, Randolph Times, South Sioux City Star, Wakefield Republican, and Wayne Herald.

The following Officers and Directors were present:

**Director Birkley Director Gansebom Director Silhacek Director Larsen
Director Lebsock Director Loberg**

Directors Absent: Gustafson, Bodlak, Kneifl

Others present: Mark Shults, Kyle Dahl, Jan Kristjanson, Dean Bruggeman, Randy Belt.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Meeting: There was a motion to approve the minutes made by Director Gansebom and seconded by Director Birkley and was approved 6-0 on a voice vote.

Old Business:

1. Presentation by Mr. Steve Hodges, President M2M Communications regarding load management hardware and devices. The Board heard a presentation by Mr. Hodges about the capabilities of M2M Communications' web-to-wireless remote monitoring and control system. No official action was recommended by management and none was taken by the board.

Director Bodlak arrived at 8:09 p.m.

Authorization of October 2009 Expenses: The Board reviewed the October 2009 expense report and a brief discussion ensued about various expenses followed by a motion to approve the October 2009 expenses made by Director Gansebom and seconded by Director Birkley.

The following roll call vote was taken upon the motion:

Director Larsen – yes

Director Gustafson – (absent) Director Loberg – yes

Director Silhacek – yes Director Kneifl – (absent) Director Birkley – yes
Director Gansebom – yes Director Bodlak – yes Director Lebsock - yes

All directors present voting yes, the chairman declared the motion carried 7-0.

Financial Reports for October 2009: The financial reports for October 2009 were not ready prior to the meeting due to the monthly wholesale power bill arriving too late to prepare the financial statements. The issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

Management Reports:

1. Jan Kristjanson: Jan gave a follow up report about the new billing software. SEDC is finishing up the combination of the two databases and that overall things are going OK. There was also a discussion about setting up an advance pay system, but that the costs were prohibitive for the potential use by customers. Flu shots for employees are scheduled for December 12th.
2. Dean Bruggeman: Dean gave updates on various projects including their progress on removing old transformers with Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in transformers. Dean also gave a report on the ongoing maintenance of the District's vehicles.
3. Randy Belt: Randy gave updates on various projects including the progress on the installation of a new breaker at the Osmond substation.
4. Mark Shults: Mark Shults provided reports on various items, including an update on the compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) giveaway to approved non-profit community organizations., an employee resignation, and the tenant in the Ponca office.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2009-11-01: Approve Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and Work Plan. Mark Shults presented the Board with the FY 2010 Budget and Work Plan and a brief discussion ensued. Mr. Shults noted that the budget includes a 5.5% rate increase based upon a 6.0% increase in the cost of wholesale power.

Director Bodlak then made a motion to approve the budget and work plan, which was seconded by Director Gansebom. The following roll call vote was taken upon the motion:

Director Larsen – yes Director Gustafson – (absent) Director Loberg – yes
Director Silhacek – yes Director Kneifl – (absent) Director Birkley – yes
Director Gansebom – yes Director Bodlak – yes Director Lebsock - yes

All directors present voting yes, the chairman declared the motion carried 7-0.

2. Resolution to approve annual write-offs for accounts deemed as uncollectible: This item was tabled until the next meeting because the information was not available at the time of the meeting.
3. Resolution 2009-11-02: Approve changes to Policy 10-11 regarding employee service awards. There was a brief discussion about the addition of a monetary award to be presented to employees upon retirement. The board suggested that the monetary amount per year of service be changed from the proposed amount of \$13/year to \$15/year. There was then a motion to approve the updated policy by Director Lebsock, seconded by Director Birkley. The motion was passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Resolution 2009-11-03: Approve RUS Form 300, annual management assessment of the electrical plant. There was a discussion of the report followed by a motion by Director Silhacek to approve the report, seconded by Director Loberg. The motion was passed on a 7-0 voice vote.
5. Resolution 2009-11-04: Approve \$500 contribution to International Fund of the Nation Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). There was a motion by Director Birkley, seconded by Director Lebsock. The motion passed 7-0 on a voice vote.
6. Resolution 2009-11-05: Authorize management to allow the District to join the Cooperative Response Center (CRC) for after hours call answering and dispatching services. There was a brief presentation by Mark Shults about the CRC's services and their ability to access the District's billing system outside of normal business hours. A brief discussion was then had followed by a motion by Director Gansebom, seconded by Director Birkley to authorize management to initiate the District's membership in CRC. The motion passed 7-0 on a voice vote.

Board Member Reports:

1. G & T: None.
2. NREA: Annual meeting coming up in December.

Executive Session: The President asked those in attendance if there was a need to conduct an executive session. There was not a call for one and none was conducted.

There was then a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Director Bodlak and seconded by Director Gansebom and was approved 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58p.m.

I, the undersigned, secretary of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District, Wayne, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the District; that minutes of the District were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subject matters to be discussed at said meeting.

Attest: _____

Secretary

President