

**Minutes of the 157<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Northeast Nebraska Public Power District**

The 157<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District was called to order at 1:02 p.m., on December 21st, 2010, 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 Gansebom    Director Silhacek    Director Larsen    Director Birkley  
Director Kneifl        Director Lebsock    Director Bodlak    Director Gustafson**

Others present: Mark Shults, Kyle Dahl, Jan Kristjanson, Dean Bruggeman, Mandy Backer.

Review and approve minutes of the November 23, 2010 regular board of directors meeting: Director Kneifl made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, which was seconded by Director Bodlak and was approved 8-0 on a voice vote.

Review and approve minutes of the December 10, 2010 Safety Meeting: Director Gansebom made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2010 Safety Meeting, which was seconded by Director Kneifl and was approved 8-0 on a voice vote.

Public Comment Period: None

Authorization of November 2010 Expenses: There was a brief discussion of various expenses, followed by a motion to approve the October 2010 expenses made by Director Gustafson and seconded by Director Silhacek.

The following roll call vote was taken upon the motion:

Director Larsen – yes	Director Gustafson – yes	
Director Silhacek – yes	Director Kneifl – yes	Director Birkley – yes
Director Gansebom – yes	Director Bodlak – yes	Director Lebsock - yes

All directors present voting yes, the chairman declared the motion carried 6-0.

Financial Statements for November 2010: Mark Shults presented some information of the financial reports for November 2010, noting that the district looks to finish with a good year, financially. Then there was a brief discussion followed by a motion to approve the November 2010 Financial Statements by Director Bodlak and seconded by Director Silhacek. The motion carried on a 8-0 voice vote.

## Management Reports:

1. Jan Kristjanson: Jan reported that SEDC, the software provider for the District's billing program, has agreed to waive the programming fee for adding a new "lot name" field to customer's profiles. This will make it easier for customers and district employees to identify the location of facilities when a single customer has multiple service points.
2. Dean Bruggeman: Dean discussed various items including some recent work on transmission lines, snow removal efforts, and gave an update on the generators at the District's General Offices and radio towers.
3. Mark Shults: Mark provided some information from Randy Belt about some of the District's projects including the replacement of transmission poles between Wayne and Winside, tree trimming, following up on blinks, and the transfer of customers from Pierce. Among other things, Mark also discussed the programming that Scott Abrahamson has done, noted the retirement breakfast for Lynn Bailey on January 7, and that he has been attending strategic meetings with Nebraska Public Power District.
4. Mandy Backer: Mandy reported that the District has hired a new warehouseman, Lydell Haggemeyer, to help with the transition following Dean Bruggeman's retirement.
5. Scott Abraham: Scott provided a demonstration of the District's mapping capabilities with regard to outages, service calls, etc.

## Old Business:

1. Update from the Board's Attorney regarding negotiations with the City of Pierce to redefine the City's service area and re-affirming the District's rights to serve loads within the District's area. Attorney Kyle Dahl gave a brief update to the board regarding negotiations with the City of Pierce regarding the service area issues and service to Todd Kumm and other customers in the area. The District has filed a formal Complaint with the Power Review Board regarding the dispute between the District and Pierce over customers located in the District's service area which are being served by Pierce Utilities. A hearing on the issue is set for January 21, 2011 in Lincoln.
2. Monthly review of services purchased through Nebraska Rural Electric Association. Mark provided information and discussion ensued about the District's progress with evaluating the services provided by NREA. No formal action was taken by the Board.

A break was taken at 12:16 p.m. for lunch. The Board reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

## New Business:

1. Resolution 2010-12-01. Resolution to approve an interim plan for redistricting until 2010 census data is available and a required redistricting plan is approved. Mark Shults and Kyle Dahl discussed the process for amending the District's charter, to provide for only eight directors instead of the current nine. The proposed re-alignment of district's would eliminate the need to fill the vacancy on the Board left by Director Dan Loberg who passed away in October 2010. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Director Gansebom and seconded by Director Bodlak. The motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.
2. Resolution 2010-12-02. Resolution to write off uncollectible accounts for FY 2010. Jan Kristjanson provided some information on uncollectible accounts. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Gansebom and seconded by Director Bodlak to approve the resolution. The motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.
3. Resolution 2010-12-03. Resolution to approve Board meeting dates for 2011. Mark Shults provided information on the proposed meeting dates for 2011. After a brief discussion,

Director Bodlak then made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Director Kneifl. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Resolution 2010-12-04. Resolution to affirm the District's By-Laws. Various members of the Board and the District's attorney read through and discussed the District's By-Laws. A motion was then made by Director Gustafson and seconded by Director Kneifl. The motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.
5. Vote to move February meeting to March 2, 2011. After a brief discussion, the Board voted 8-0 to move the February meeting date to March 2, 2011, to accommodate travel plans of some the directors. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

Board Member Reports: Director Gansebom, Director Gustafson, and Director Silhacek provided reports from the NREA, G&T, and NPPD strategic meetings, respectively.

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 Gustafson and seconded by Director Birkley and was approved 8-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.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.

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Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
President