Minutes of the 162nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Northeast Nebraska Public Power District

The 162nd regular meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District was called to order at 7:33 p.m., on May 24th, 2011, by President Don Larsen, who chaired the meeting. 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 Bodlak Director Birkley Director Gansebom Director Gustafson

Director Silhacek Director Larsen Director Kneifl Director Lebsock

Directors Absent: None

Others present: Mark Shults, Kyle Dahl, Jan Kristjanson, Randy Belt, Mandy Backer, Steve Kumm.

Review and approve minutes of the April 26, 2011 regular board of directors meeting: Director Kneifl made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting, which was seconded by Director Gansebom and was approved on an 8-0 on a voice vote.

<u>Public Comment Period:</u> Steve Kumm, an NNPPD customer addressed the board and presented his issues regarding the construction of a utility line that was recently located across a neighbor's property over which he retained an easement. After Mr. Kumm's presentation and a brief discussion by the board, Director Lebsock made a motion to provide Mr. Kumm with a 100 amp meter base conditioned upon Mr. Kumm signing a release of any further claims against the District. The motion was seconded by Director Gansebom, and passed on a 5-3 voice vote.

<u>Authorization of April 2011 Expenses:</u> There was a brief discussion of various expenses, followed by a motion to approve the April 2011 expenses made by Director Bodlak and seconded by Director Birkley.

The following roll call vote was taken upon the motion:

Director Larsen – yes
Director Gustafson – yes
Director Silhacek – yes
Director Birkley – yes
Director Gansebom – yes
Director Lebsock – yes

All directors present voting yes, the motion carried 8-0

<u>Financial Statements for April 2011:</u> Mark Shults presented some information about the April 2011 financial statements, and after a brief discussion Director Bodlak made a motion to approve the financial statements for April 2011, which was seconded by Director Birkley, which was approved on an 8-0 voice vote.

Management Reports:

- 1. <u>Mandy Backer:</u> Mandy gave a report that materials suppliers are adding fuel surcharges and that due to various factors, supplies are typically taking 6 to 8 weeks to arrive.
- 2. <u>Jan Kristjanson:</u> Jan stated that the District has a new rep for SEDC and that unfortunately, they are still 2 months out on fully implementing the program for 'nicknaming' of accounts as a ready identification for customers. Also, some customers were complaining about the requirement that requests for new service be notarized. After a brief discussion by the board, it was concluded that it would be OK to simply do away with the requirement if management agreed.
- 3. <u>Randy Belt:</u> Randy provided reports on various items including a report about a farmer that ran into a transmission line recently, work being completed at the Homer substation, AMR metering, and tree trimming.
- 4. <u>Mark Shults</u>: Mark updated the board on the fact that Mrs. Stork's refund question from last month has been resolved. Mark stated he has been confirmed to the Board of Directors of SEDC and that there is a board meeting for NPPD on 6/10/11.

Old Business:

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. 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 was held before the Power Review Board on April 22, 2011. Mark Shults testified on behalf of the District. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Power Review Board took the matter under advisement

New Business:

- 1. Action to change the date of the July Board meeting and Annual Planning meeting. The board tentatively set the date for the July Board meeting and Annual Planning meeting to August 1, 2011 dependent on scheduling and arrangements.
- 2. <u>Resolution 2011-05-01.</u> Resolution to establish a 501 c corporation and establish by-laws to administer funds donated from customers for charitable purposes. After a brief discussion, Director Gustafson made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Director Lebsock. The resolution passed on an 8-0 vote.
- 3. <u>Resolution 2011-05-02</u>. Resolution to approve engineer's study and authorize connection of irrigation services on the 2012 waiting list for new electric irrigation service. Following a brief discussion Director Gansebom made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Director Gustafson. The resolution passed on an 8-0 voice vote.
- 4. <u>Resolution 2011-05-03</u>. Resolution to affirm policies 11-05 (Meter Tampering) and 11-07 (Security Deposit Practices). Following a brief discussion Director Lebsock made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Director Birkley. The resolution passed on an 8-0 voice vote.
- 5. Discussion by Board of Directors regarding re-districting based upon 2010 census data.

- Mark Shults provided some information on proposed re-districting based upon the 2010 census data. By law the Board is required to re-evaluate the districts based upon the latest census data. There was a brief discussion, but the Board did not take any official action at this time.
- 6. <u>Discussion by management on transformer minimum charges</u>. Mark Shults provided some information on minimum transfer changes. There was a brief discussion, but the Board did not take any official action at this time.

Board Member Reports: Director Silhacek gave updates on his recent trip to Washington, DC.

<u>Executive Session:</u> Director Larsen asked if there was any need for an executive session, and there was none.

There was then a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Director Lebsock and seconded by Director Silhacek and was approved 8-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 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.

	Attest:
Secretary	President