

**Minutes of the 217th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Northeast Nebraska Public Power District**

The 217th regular meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District was called to order at 12:52 p.m., on December 18th, 2015, by President Don Larsen. This meeting was held in the District’s General Office in Wayne, NE. Director 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, South Sioux City, Thurston, Waterbury, Wakefield, 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 Directors were present:

Director Larsen	Director Kneifl
Director Gustafson	Director Gansebom
Director Bodlak	Director Newton
Director Silhacek	

Directors Absent: **Director Lebsock**

Others present: Mandy Backer, Jan Kristjanson, Matt Sorensen, Mark Shults, from NeNPPD.

Director Newton made a motion to excuse Director Lebsock’s absence from the meeting, which was seconded by Director Silhacek. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

1. Review and approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular Board of Directors Meeting: The minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular Board of Directors Meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board. Director Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Gansebom. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

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

2. Public Comment Period: Mitch Hokamp, district customer from Wayne County, addressed the board with comments about the possibility of future infrastructure improvements in the area. This was a discussion only and no official action was taken and no votes were had.

3. Approve the November 2015 Expense Report: Management provided information on the November 2015 expenses which were reviewed by the board. Director Gansebom made a motion to approve the expense report, and Director Silhacek seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Director Silhacek- yes	Director Kneifl- yes
Director Gustafson- yes	Director Gansebom- yes
Director Bodlak- yes	Director Larsen- yes
Director Newton- yes	Director Lebsock - (absent)

All Directors present voting yes, the motion carried 7-0.

4. Approve the November 2015 Financial Statements: Management provided some information on the November 2015 financials, but since the Form 7 was not ready at the time of the meeting, so there was no official action taken or votes had and the issue was tabled until next month.
5. Management Reports:
 - a. Mandy Backer: Mandy expressed her thanks on behalf of the office employees for the Christmas gift. She also reported that they have started e-mailing District newsletters to customers who have signed up for e-statements. Finally, she gave a brief presentation to the board regarding the trip charges for collections.
 - b. Matt Sorensen: Matt reported on two vehicle accidents that occurred in the last month. He also expressed appreciation for the Christmas gift on behalf of the linemen. He also reported on various other construction and maintenance projects.
 - c. Mark Shults: Mark provided some comments about re-districting of the directors districts depending on whether the Board chooses to stay with 8 directors, or whether it chooses to change to 7 or 9 directors. He also provided some information about delegates for the annual NRECA meeting and NPPD contract updates.
 - d. Jan Kristjanson: Jan gave a presentation on equity management for the district, which was her capstone project for training she recently completed.
6. New Business:
 - a. Resolution 2015-12-02: Resolution to approve those accounts deemed uncollectible by management. Jan and Mandy presented information on collection activities for the year. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Bodlak to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Director Newton. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.
 - b. Resolution 2012-12-04: Resolution to approved bids for banking services. Jan Kristjanson provided information on the bids that were received by the District for banking services. After a discussion between management and the Board, a motion was made by Director Bodlak to accept the bid from Elkhorn Valley Bank and to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Director Kneifl and passed on a 7-0 voice vote.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Resolution 2015-12-01: Resolution to approve a Power Cost Adder for 2016 to cover the additional cost imposed by NPPD to fund their employees' future retirement health insurance benefit. After a brief presentation by management and discussion with the Board, Director Silhacek made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Director Gustafson. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.
8. New Business (cont'd):
 - a. Resolution 2015-12-03: Resolution to approve schedule of Board meeting dates and times for 2016. Director Kneifl made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Director Newton. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote. This was discussion item only, and no official action was taken and no votes were had.
 - b. Discussion about possibility of Engineer-In-Training Position. Mark Shults presented some information about the possibility of creating a program to help train and develop one of the District's interns into an engineer in the future.
9. Executive Session: Director Larsen asked if there was any reason to go into executive session. No motions were made to go into executive session and no session was had.
10. Board Member Reports: None.

11. Adjournment. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Director Gustafson and seconded by Director Gansebom and was approved 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

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.

Secretary

Attest: _____
President