### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MARCH 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District was held at the Creighton Public Library Meeting room, Creighton, Nebraska, on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

### Call to Order; notice of meeting and proof of mailing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and conducted by Terry Strope, President and Secretary, Gregory W. Walmer, recorded the minutes.

Directors in attendance were Gordon W. Fulton, Brent M. Stagemeyer, William L. Jedlicka, Curt Zimmerer, Gregory W. Walmer, Mary Ketelsen and Terry Strope. Also attending were Art Hickman, Staking Engineer / Safety Manager; Chad Waldow, Operation Manager; Doyle Hazen, Manager of Finance and Administration; Keith E. Harvey, General Manager and Jeffrey M. Doerr, District Attorney. Absent was Todd Zimmerer, Assistant Operation Manager;

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News, Niobrara Tribune, Plainview News, Orchard News, Holt County Independent and the Verdigre Eagle as shown by the affidavit of publication attached to the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given simultaneously to all the members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to the minutes of the meeting. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the notice mailed to all the members of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

### Approval of the February 21, 2011 Regular Board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Wm. L. Jedlicka and seconded by Mary Ketelsen to dispense with the reading of the February 21, 2011 regular board meeting minutes and approve the minutes as mailed. By roll call vote, each director voted, yes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment.**

There were no public comments.

Discussion and possible action on approving the Tower and Ground Space Lease

Agreement and Memorandum with USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC.

General Manager, Harvey reviewed the Tower and Ground Space Lease Agreement and memorandum between USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC and the district. On a motion by Gordon W. Fulton and seconded by Curt Zimmerer be it:

RESOLVED THAT the board of directors of North Central Public Power District approve the Tower and ground Space Lease Agreement and Memorandum with USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC and a copy is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

### Staff Reports.

Doyle Hazen, Manager of Finance and Administration reported the tower lease documents between USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC and North Central PPD have been prepared and ready for board approval. A representative from Schmidt and Company will be at the office on March 22 and 23 to conduct the 2010 annual audit. Hazen also announced that Billing Supervisor Carol Schwanebeck will be retiring May 11, 2011.

Chad Waldow, Operation Managers reported on the operation department's monthly operations. The irrigation service builds for the 2011 irrigation season are progressing with 35 completed and 30 left to be built. Waldow also reported he has been looking into the possibility of feeding the 85-2 Page Rural Substation with North Central's lines from the Creighton 115KV sub instead of feeding it from the O'Neill 115KV sub. This would save the district approximately

\$18,000 annually in wheeling charges. Waldow also reported on the progress of the right-of-way easement for the Winnetoon 69 kV transmission line project. Copies for the proposed route were distributed to the board for them to review. The different options for the District were discussed in areas of concern.

# Safety report (February 2, 2011 In-House conducted).

The board of directors reviewed the February 2, 2011 safety meeting minutes. On a motion by Curt Zimmerer and seconded by Gregory Walmer be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District accept the February 2, 2011 Safety meeting minutes as presented and a copy is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

Manager's report including meetings attended / upcoming meetings/ new business and old business.

**Meetings attended:** A list of the meetings attended is on the Manager's Report attached to the minutes of the meeting. GordonW. Fulton reported on the NRECA Annual meeting he attended in Orland, FL. North Central Public Power District's April board meeting will be held April 25, 2011.

# **Upcoming Meetings:**

The upcoming meetings are listed on the attached Manager's report.

#### **New Business:**

1. No new business was discussed.

### **Old Business:**

1. No old business was discussed.

# Discussion and possible action on revising Policy Bulletin 3070: Irrigation Rates.

General Manager Keith E. Harvey reviewed the proposed changes to Policy Bulletin 3070: Irrigation Rates which pertained to the Pivot Drive annual customer charge. On a motion by Gordon W. Fulton and seconded by Curt Zimmerer be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve Policy Bulletin 3070: Irrigation Rates as presented and a copy is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

## Discussion and approval of the February 2011 financials.

The board of director reviewed the February 2011 financials. On a motion by Gregory W. Walmer and seconded by Brent Stagemeyer be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the February 2011 financials as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

Approval of expenditures covering all monetary encumbrances of the District for the month of February 2011 with the exception of check #78166 written to Hardware Hank in the amount of \$41.52.

The board of directors reviewed the expenditures covering the month of February 2011.

On a motion by Mary Ketelsen and seconded by Gordon W. Fulton be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the expenditures for the month of February 2011 as presented except check #78166 written to Hardware Hank in the amount of \$41.52 and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

# Approval of check #78166 written to Hardware Hank in the amount of \$41.52.

On a motion by Curt Zimmerer and seconded by Mary Ketelsen be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve check #78166 written to Hardware Hank in the amount of \$41.52.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, abstain; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

Board will adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel to, among other things, avoid needless injury to individuals.

On a motion by Gordon W. Fulton and seconded by Gregory W. Walmer be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District enter into executive session at 7:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel to, among other things, avoid needless injury to individuals.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

On a motion by Wm. L. Jedlicka and seconded by Mary Ketelsen be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District leave executive session at 8:35 p.m.

By roll call vote, Fulton, yes; Jedlicka, yes; Stagemeyer, yes; Ketelsen, yes; Zimmerer, yes; Walmer, yes; and Strope, yes. Motion carried.

### Adjournment.

Board President, Strope adjourned the board meeting at 8:36 p.m.

I, Gregory W. Walmer, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of North Central Public Power District and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors, meeting in regular session, March 21, 2011.

	Gregory W. Walmer, Secretary	
APPROVED:		
Terry Strope, President		

Attachments: (To the original minutes)

- Acknowledgment of Notice
- Publishers Affidavit
- February 2, 2011 Safety meeting minutes
- Manager's Report
- Tower and Ground Space Lease Agreement and Memorandum with USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC.
- Policy Bulletin 3070: Irrigation Rates
- February 2011 Financials
- February 2011 Check Register