



General Manager Doyle Hazen

2020 Census Requires District to Change Charter and Subdivisions

Every ten years the federal government is required to conduct a census of the population in the United States. The new census numbers are used to allocate federal, state, county and local resources and to determine governmental representation. With the changes in some areas of the district due to some population shift and mainly because of the new area served in Plainview, North Central Public Power District (NCPD) had to adjust and reassign subdivisions. Each subdivision is required to be within a five percent variance in population from one subdivision to another. Considering the low variance required, the board reassigned subdivision seven as it was an at-large position to represent customers residing in Section 33 and the west half of 34 in North Dry Creek including a major portion of Plainview and a portion of Section 4 and 5 north of Highway 13 in South Dry Creek. Subdivision seven is currently represented by the at-large appointed board member James Meuret. His term will end in January of 2023. A candidate from the newly designated subdivision seven will need to run for the board position.

In a special meeting on October 12, 2021, the NCPD board approved the proposed Charter Amendment #9 to be submitted to the Nebraska Power Review Board for approval. On December 13, 2021, the Nebraska Power Review Board approved the Charter Amendment #9 to modify NCPD's charter to reflect the changes recommended by the NCPD board. Please know that these changes

are the result of a team of our employees having consultation with the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's statewide attorney and his office, consultation with our engineers at RVW in Columbus, and working with the neighboring districts on the service territory boundaries, so that the board is given the best information

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Irrigation Facility Charge to be billed in February

Customers with irrigation accounts are reminded that the 2022 annual facility charge will be billed in February. If you are considering changing your load control schedule (i.e. from 3 Day Control to 2 Day Control) or if an account needs to be transferred into someone else's name, please notify our office as new irrigation contracts will need to be completed. Changes in load control

schedules can be made until the close of business March 30, 2022.

Irrigation Load Control Schedules:

<u>Control Schedule</u>	<u>Facility Charge</u>
No Control	\$60.00 x HP
* 2 Day Control	\$37.75 x HP
* 3 Day Control	\$24.10 x HP
* 6 Day Control	\$21.00 x HP

**Subject to Sunday Control*

Notification Needed of Irrigation Changes

Irrigation customers are reminded if any changes have been made on your irrigation service(s) (replacing on old irrigation system with a new system or replacing an old pump panel with a new one), you need to notify the North Central Public Power District (NCPD) office. The customer is responsible for making arrangements to have the equipment removed and returned to our office. If the load control equipment is missing when the annual irrigation inspection is done in the spring, the customer will be notified and will be responsible for locating the equipment and returning it to NCPD or will be billed for the cost of the missing equipment.

Census requires change...
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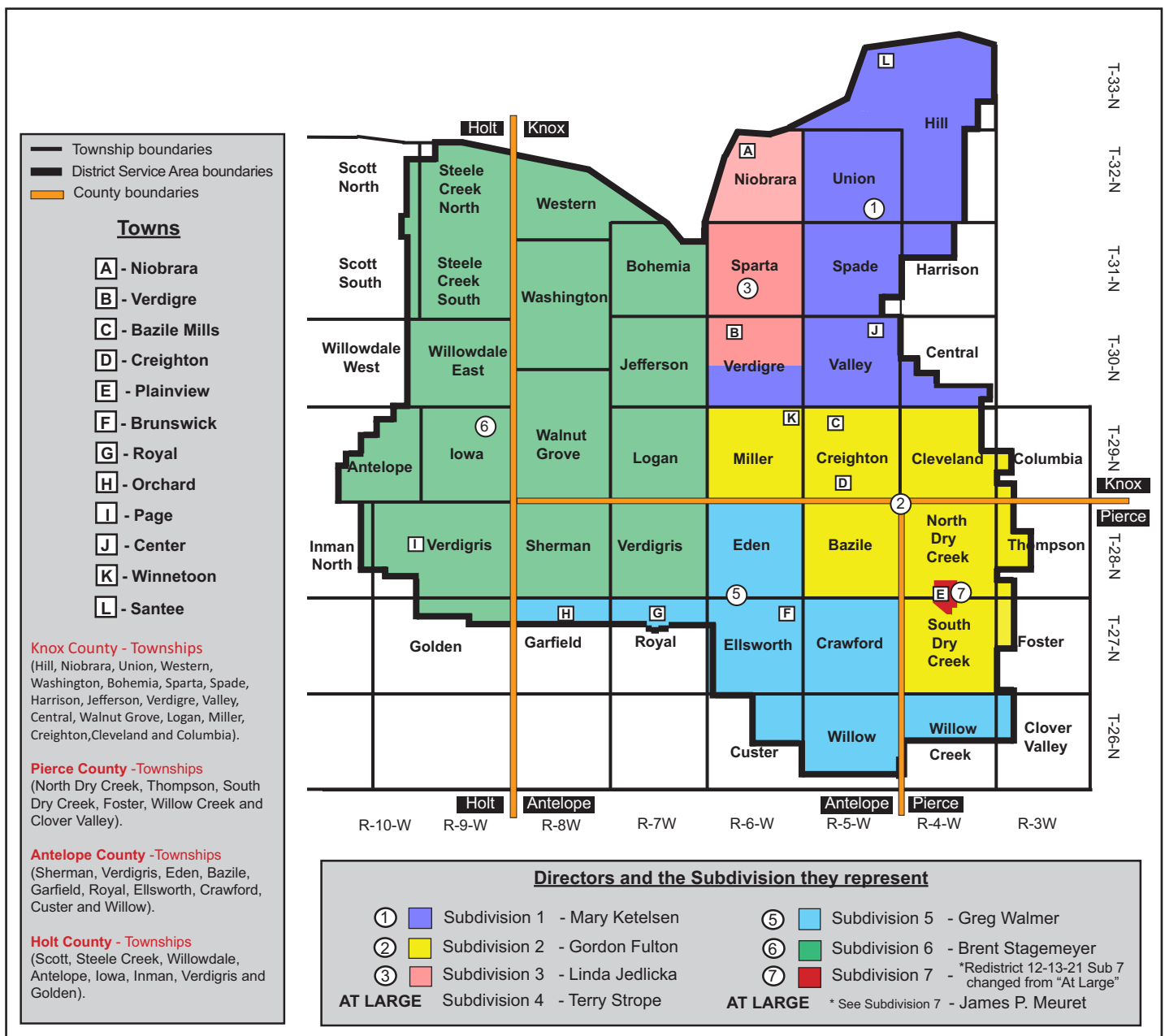
tion to make these changes.

Please take a moment to review the new map. Subdivisions two, five and seven are the subdivisions that were changed so all the subdivisions are within a five percent variance in population. Currently between

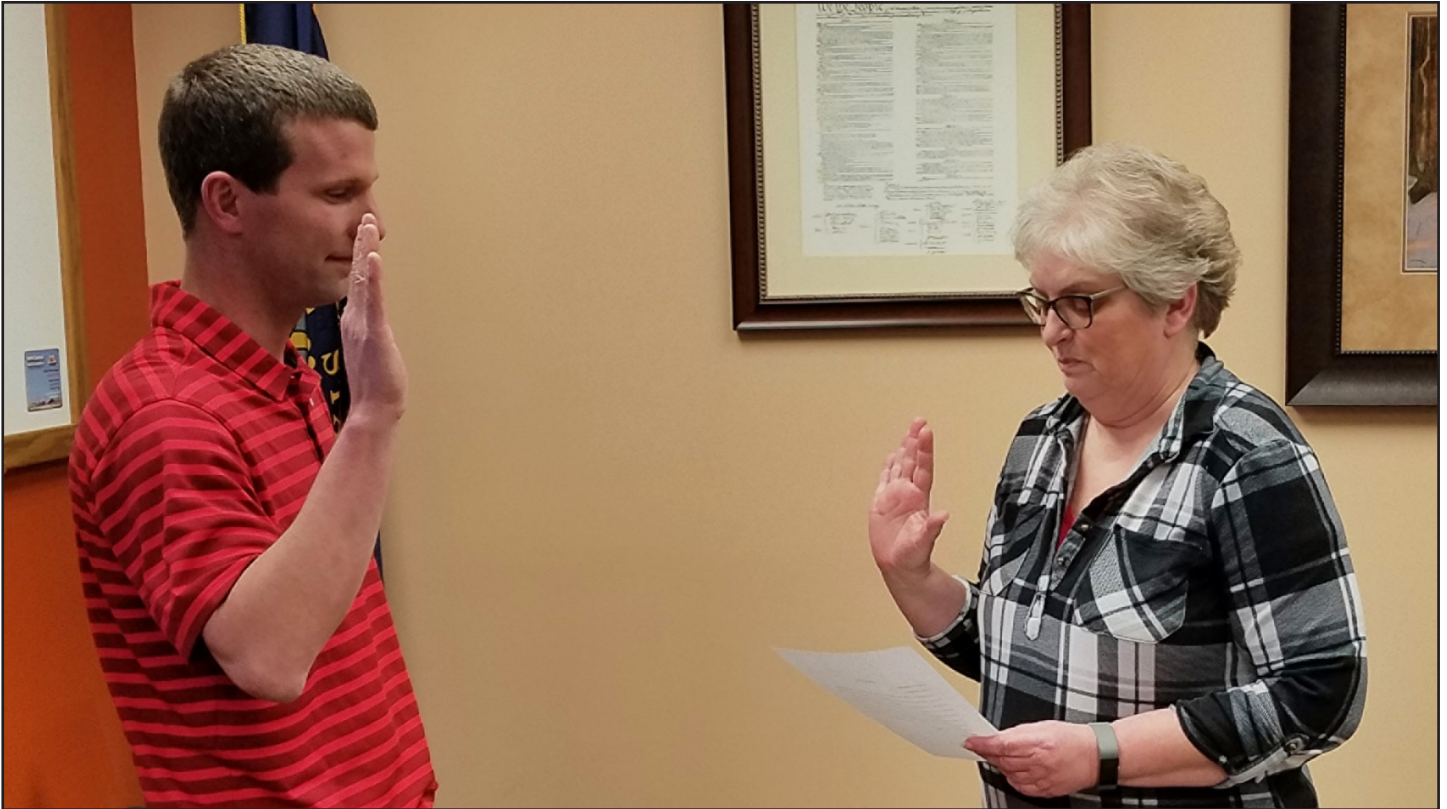
the appointment on our board for subdivision three, the conversion of the at-large for subdivision seven to the new designated area, and the normal term for subdivision four, the 2022 general election will have three board positions on the ballot. Another fact when reviewing the map is that subdivision seven does not include all of the City of Plainview.

A small portion of the western side of Plainview is in subdivision two to meet the requirements of a five percent variance we spoke of earlier. It has been an arduous journey in working over every legal description for the charter boundaries and balancing of all subdivisions but through team work, NCPPD was able to push this project through.

North Central Public Power District's Charter and Directors' Subdivision Boundaries



Linda Jedlicka Sworn in as Subdivision 3 Board Member



Brent Eggerling, Manager of Finance & Administration, swears in Linda Jedlicka as the new board member representing Subdivision 3.

Brent Eggerling graduates from the Management Internship Program

Brent Eggerling, Manager of Finance & Administration, has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

Brent Eggerling is one of only a few electric utility top level managers that will graduate from the MIP program this year.

MIP participants go through

three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

By also covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives and public power districts, the program helps the utilities enhance the core of the organization.



Only rural electric cooperative and public power district CEOs and top-level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study on the management challenges of today's electric industry. Participants focus on consumer value as part of day-to-day decision making.

Brent Eggerling has completed one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for electric public power district and cooperative management.

New Employee at North Central PPD



Elijah Norman

-son of Troy and Sheryl Norman. Elijah graduated from Fullerton Public Schools in 2019. After high school, he attended Northeast Community College, where he graduated with a degree in the Utility Line Program. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping on the Missouri River. He also likes playing golf and watching football. Elijah plans to complete his Journeyman training and work his way up in the company.

Pre-planning needed for builds Supply Chain Disruptions cause delays in deliveries

Everyone has heard of supply chain delays. North Central Public Power District (NCPD) Operations Department is aware of the material shortages and delays. To mitigate these problems, we are currently purchasing material for 2023. We have reviewed the material used in 2020 and 2021 and ordered material based on the average of those two years. One example of the problems that exist is a new single-phase underground pad mount transformer has tripled in price and is 52 weeks

from delivery. NCPD is planning for the unexpected, but delays may happen with any new services going into the fall of 2022. If you are planning a new service, such as a new grain bin or new residential service in the fall of 2022 or the spring of 2023, please call into the Operations Department so we can plan ahead.

NCPD's Operations Department plans to make all outage and maintenance items a priority. Please stay safe and patient in these everchanging times.

Irrigation Services Available for 2022

Electric irrigation services are cost effective and allow customers more flexibility when managing their farming operation. Currently North Central Public Power District (NCPD) does not have a waiting list for new irrigation services in 2022. There is a cost comparison program that customers can use to compare the cost difference between electric and all other types of fuel on the NCPD website [http://www.ncppd.com/](http://www.ncppd.com/index.asp)

[index.asp](http://www.ncppd.com/index.asp). According to Bill Sheppard, with the USDA Rural Development office in Norfolk, NE, grant money is available for converting to an electric irrigation service for 2022. The grants are up to 25% of the eligible cost of the project. The next deadline for the grant application is March 31, 2022. Call the NCPD office at 800-578-1060 or 402-358-5112 for assistance with these grant applications.

Jayce Ellenwood Completes U.S. Department of Labor Program

North Central Public Power District has Second Most Certified Linemen in the State of Nebraska

North Central Public Power District (NCPD) employee Jayce Ellenwood has completed the Merchant Job Training & Safety (JT&S) Program and the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program. He completed the programs after logging 8,000 on-the-job training hours and completing 40 tests over a four year period. The Merchant JT & S Program most commonly serves as related technical instruction for use in an apprenticeship program leading to journey-

man certification when coupled with structured on-the-job training. It is one of the most recognized distance-learning courses and exceeds the U.S.

Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship minimum requirement of 144 hours of related instruction per year or nearly 600 hours of study.



According to Debra Cremeens-Risinger with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, NCPD has the second most certified linemen in the state of Nebraska. This is a voluntary course that NCPD offers to all of its line personnel. North Central is proud of Jayce for his hard work and dedication to serving our customers.



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

New 2022 EnergyWiseSM Programs Announced

North Central Public Power District (NCPD), in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), would like to announce a few changes to its 2022 EnergyWiseSM programs. Your partnership in these programs will provide opportunities to save energy and money, as well as help the environment. The following is a listing of the programs that are available:

New Programs:

- Induction Cooktop: 20% incentive for minimum 30" width cooktop or range

Program with Changes:

- New Battery Powered or Corded Electric Lawn Mower
- Variable Frequency Drive Corner System Irrigation
- Smart Thermostat Primarily Electric Heat Customer Installed
- Commercial/Industrial Prescriptive Lighting
- Purchase of new battery electric vehicle and ChargePoint Home charging station

Programs Remaining Unchanged:

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-Up
- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Commercial HVAC
- HVAC System Optimization
- Industrial Process
- Custom Lighting
- Prescriptive Irrigation
- Corner Pivot (Variable Frequency Drive)
- Custom Ag
- Agricultural – Farrowing Heat Mats
- Electric Vehicle
- Charging Stations, Pre-Wiring and Commercial Conduit

All projects must be installed and operational during the calendar year to be eligible for the corresponding EnergyWiseSM program year. Incentive applications must be signed by the contractor, along with the customer, and then provided to NCPD. Your involvement has made EnergyWise a success and will continue to advance the programs and energy savings in the future. If you have any questions or for more information contact the NCPD office or go to ncppd.energywisenebraska.com.

When it comes to severe weather... hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

Severe weather can cause power outages.
Stay safe until we can restore power to you.



From our homes to yours . . .

Bacon Cheddar Potato Soup

Ingredients

2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine
 1 tsp salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
 2 cups instant mashed potatoes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb bacon, cut into small pieces
 $\frac{1}{2}$ medium yellow onion, finely chopped
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon black pepper
 1 carton (32 oz) chicken broth
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 oz)
 Chopped green onion, if desired

Directions

In 2-quart saucepan, heat water, butter and salt to boiling over medium-high heat. Remove from heat. Stir in milk and potatoes (dry) just until moistened. Let stand about 30 seconds or until liquid is absorbed; whip with fork. Set aside. In 6-quart heavy stockpot, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Use slotted spoon to transfer bacon to paper towels, leaving drippings in stockpot. Add onion and pepper to stockpot. Cook 4 to 5 minutes or until onions are translucent and lightly browned. Add potatoes and broth to stockpot. Beat with whisk until ingredients are well combined. Continue to cook until heated through. Transfer soup to bowls. Top with bacon, cheese and green onion.



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Creighton FCCLA Home Show
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FOR SALE: 6 piece dining room set in very good condition, dark wood. Call 402-360-4105.

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something in particular? You may call, send or email (bargain.barn@ncppd.net) your description of what's for sale or what you are looking for to our office. The ad will run in the Bargain Barn section free for one month. Please include name and telephone number. No commercial ads will be accepted, personal items only.



Winter Car Kit Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> windshield scraper	<input type="checkbox"/> sand or shingles (for tire traction)
<input type="checkbox"/> small broom	<input type="checkbox"/> hats, socks and mittens
<input type="checkbox"/> flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/> first aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/> blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> fluorescent distress flag
<input type="checkbox"/> spare radio with batteries	
<input type="checkbox"/> snacks or energy type food	
<input type="checkbox"/> water	
<input type="checkbox"/> jumper cables	
<input type="checkbox"/> flares and matches	
<input type="checkbox"/> shovel	