

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, APRIL 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District was held at the District office, Creighton, Nebraska, on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Roll call.

Upon calling the roll the secretary reported that the following directors were present: Gregory W. Walmer, James J. Kounovsky, Mary Ketelsen, Linda Jedlicka, Gordon W. Fulton, Terry Strobe, absent was Brent Stagemeyer, said persons being all of the directors.

Also attending were Cindy Schlote, customer; Eric Schroeder, Network Engineer; Todd Zimmerer, Operations Manager; Tim Hoffman, Assistant Operations Manager; Brent Eggerling, Manager of Finance and Administration; Doyle Hazen, CEO/General Manager and John Thomas, District Attorney.

3. Notice of meeting and proof of mailing.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Knox County News, Niobrara Tribune, Plainview News, Antelope County 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.

4. Approval of Agenda.

On a motion by Mary Ketelsen and seconded by Linda Jedlicka be it:

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

By roll call vote, Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Terry Strope, yes.
Motion carried.

5. Approval of the March 27, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District dispense with the reading of the March 27, 2023 regular board meeting minutes and approve the minutes as presented.

By roll call vote, Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Terry Strope, yes. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment: Pursuant to Nebraska Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located on the table at the back of the room. Also available on the west wall of the Board room is a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act which is accessible to the public.

Cindy Schlote thanked the board for work that was done recently at her residence.

7. Discussion with a representative of Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors, and possible action to approve the 2022 Year-End Audit.

On a motion by James J. Kounovsky and seconded by Gordon W. Fulton be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the 2022 Year-End Audit as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, James J. Kounovsky, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Terry Strope, yes. Motion

carried.

8. Selection of the Utility Line Student(s) to receive the Peter E. Thomassen Memorial Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

On a motion by Gordon W. Fulton and seconded by James J. Kounovsky be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District select Spencer Albers to receive the Peter E. Thomassen Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year at \$500 per semester.

By roll call vote, Gordon W. Fulton, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Terry Strope, yes. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and approval to amend the Equal Opportunity Employment Policy section of the Employee Handbook.

On a motion by Mary Ketelsen and seconded by Linda Jedlicka be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the Equal Opportunity Employment Policy section of the Employee Handbook as amended and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Terry Strope, yes. Motion carried.

10. Staff Reports.

Brent Eggerling, Manager of Finance and Administration reported on the billing department's monthly operations.

Eric Schroeder, Network Engineer reported on the IT / Network Security department's monthly operations.

Todd Zimmerer, Operations Manager reported on the operation department's monthly operations.

11. Safety report (March 1, 2023 Statewide conducted).

The board of directors reviewed the March 1, 2023, safety report. On a motion by Gregory W. Walmer and seconded by James J. Kounovsky be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District accept the March 1, 2023 safety report as presented and a copy is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Gregory W. Walmer, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Terry Strope, yes.
Motion carried.

12. CEO/General Manager's report including meetings attended, upcoming meetings, new business and old business.

The Manager's report was given by CEO/General Manager Doyle Hazen.

Meetings attended:

A list of the meetings attended is on the Manager's Report attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

New Business:

1. Thank You.
2. Talus Corporation, Tristan Peitz.

Old Business:

1. Orchard PRO Agreement

13. Discussion and approval of the March 2023 financials – Manager of Finance and Administration.

Manager of Finance and Administration, Brent Eggerling reviewed the March 2023 financials.

On a motion by Gregory W. Walmer and seconded by Mary Ketelsen be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the March 2023 financials as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Terry Strope, yes.
Motion carried.

14. Discussion and approval of expenditures covering all monetary encumbrances of the District for the month of March 2023.

On a motion by Mary Ketelsen and seconded by James J. Kounovsky be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve the expenditures for the month of March 2023 as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

By roll call vote, Mary Ketelsen, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Terry Strope, yes.
Motion carried.

15. Discussion and approval to set the date and time for the May 2023 Regular Board meeting (the last Monday in May is the 29th (Memorial Day – office is closed). The 22nd is recommended).

On a motion by James J. Kounovsky and seconded by Gordon W. Fulton be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District set the next Regular board meeting for May 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the District office.

By roll call vote, James J. Kounovsky, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Terry Strope, yes. Motion carried.

16. Board will adjourn into executive session for the purposes of discussing matters related to pending litigation and to reconvene to the Regular board meeting after business is discussed.

On a motion by Gregory W. Walmer and seconded by James J. Kounovsky be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District adjourn into executive session at 7:56 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters related to pending litigation and to reconvene to the regular board meeting after business is discussed.

By roll call vote, Gregory W. Walmer, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, absent; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Terry Strope, yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

17. Adjournment.

Board President, Terry Strope adjourned the board meeting at 8:08 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, April 24, 2023.

Gregory W. Walmer, Secretary

APPROVED:

Terry Strope, President

Attachments: (To the original minutes)

- Acknowledgment of Notice
- Publishers Affidavit
- 2022 Annual Audit
- Equal Opportunity Employment Policy section of the Employee Handbook
- March 1, 2023 Safety meeting minutes
- Manager's Report
- March 2023 Financials
- March 2023 Check Register