

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 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: Brent Stagemeyer, Gregory W. Walmer, James J. Kounovsky, Mary Ketelsen, Linda Jedlicka, Gordon W. Fulton, Terry Strobe, said persons being all of the directors.

Also attending were Cindy Schlote, Leah Sukup, Izaak Vakoc, Gage Vesely, Eric Schroeder, Network Engineer; Todd Zimmerer, Operations Manager; and Doyle Hazen, CEO/General Manager. John Thomas, District Attorney arrived at 6:50 p.m.

### **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 Gordon W. Fulton and seconded by Mary Ketelsen 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, Gordon W. Fulton, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; James J. Kounovsky, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, yes; Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Terry Strope, yes. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of the July 31, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes.**

On a motion by Gregory W. Walmer and seconded by Linda Jedlicka be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District dispense with the reading of the July 31, 2023 regular board meeting minutes and approve the minutes as presented.

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

There were no public comments.

**7. Presentation by Students Interested in Attending the 2024 Washington D.C. Youth Tour.**

Leah Sukup, Izaak Vakoc and Gage Vesley each gave their presentation to the board for the opportunity to be selected to attend the 2024 Washington D.C. Youth Tour.

**8. Discussion and approval of the destruction of records listed on the Records Disposition Report per Nebraska Statute.**

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

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District approve of the destruction of records listed on the Records Disposition Report as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

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

**9. Staff Reports.**

Doyle Hazen, CEO/General Manager reported on the billing department's monthly operations.

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

**10. Safety report (July 5, 2023 Statewide conducted).**

The board of directors reviewed the July 5, 2023, safety report. 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 accept the July 5, 2023 safety report as presented and a copy is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

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

**11. 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. Easements and customer builds

Old Business:

1. Economic Development

**12. Selection of student to attend the Washington D. C. Youth Tour in 2024.**

On a motion by Brent Stagemeyer and seconded by Gordon W. Fulton be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District select Gage Vesely to attend the Washington D.C. Tour in 2024.

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

**13. Discussion and approval of the July 2023 financials – Manager of Finance and**

**Administration.**

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 July 2023 financials as presented and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

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

**14. Discussion and approval of expenditures covering all monetary encumbrances of the**

**District for the month of July 2023.**

On a motion by James J. Kounovsky and seconded by Linda Jedlicka be it:

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

By roll call vote, James J. Kounovsky, yes; Linda Jedlicka, yes; Gordon W. Fulton, yes;

Gregory W. Walmer, yes; Brent Stagemeyer, yes; Mary Ketelsen, yes; Terry Strope, yes.  
Motion carried.

**15. Discussion and approval to set the date and time for the September 2023 Regular Board meeting (the last Monday in September is the 25<sup>th</sup>).**

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 set the next Regular board meeting for September 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the District office.

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

**16. Board will adjourn into executive session for the purposes of discussing matters related to personnel 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 enter into executive session at 8:06 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters related to personnel and to reconvene to the regular board meeting after business is discussed.

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

Meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

**17. Discussion and approval of the wages and benefits for 2023-2024.**

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 increase wages and benefits by \$380,000.00.

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

carried.

**18. Discussion and approval of the General Manager Compensation for 2023-2024.**

On a motion by Brent Stagemeyer and seconded by James J. Kounovsky be it:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District set the General Manager compensation at \$185,000.00.

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

**19. Discussion and approval of the Full Time Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package and the Part-Time Classification II Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package.**

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 approve the Full Time Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package and the Part-Time Classification II Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package as amended and a copy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

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

**20. Adjournment.**

Board President, Terry Strope adjourned the board meeting at 9:08 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, August 21, 2023.

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Gregory W. Walmer, Secretary

APPROVED:

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Terry Strobe, President

Attachments: (To the original minutes)

- Acknowledgment of Notice
- Publishers Affidavit
- Records Disposition Report
- July 5, 2023 Safety meeting minutes
- Manager's Report
- July 2023 Financials
- July 2023 Check Register
- Full Time Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package
- Part-Time Classification II Employee 2023-2024 Benefit Package