

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION HELD AUGUST 7, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Jeff Scow. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The following directors were present: Jeff Scow, Robert Lindburg, Judy Rieken, Mark Wyman, Bill Kropatsch, Ryan Twogood, and Doug Burritt.

Also present for the meeting were PCRPPD staff: Barb Fowler General Manager, Operations Manager Randy Reese, Assistant Operations Manager Andy Roberts, Finance Manager Megan Klein, Customer Service/IT Manager Wade Rahn, and Accountant April Troester.

President Scow acknowledged that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law Act was posted in the meeting room and available for inspection.

A copy of all written materials considered by the Board was available for inspection by the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Moved by Director Lindburg seconded by Director Wyman to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 Board Meeting. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

SAFETY REPORT: Fowler reported on the in-house July safety meeting where all employees reviewed the District Wildfire Mitigation Plan and reviewed Fire, Bomb, Weather, and Irate Customer Plans. As of 7/16/26 710,978 hours have been worked without a lost time accident.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY AND EXPENSE REPORT: General Manager Barb Fowler introduced new District Journeyman, Chandler Stinson and discussed a Public Records Request for Director email addresses. Fowler also reviewed an update on the 2026 irrigation season

President Scow approved the Manager's July expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORT: Moved by Director Kropatsch, seconded by Director Rieken to approve the financial and operations reports for the month ending June 30, 2026. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PCRPPD staff reviewed department monthly reports and activities.

APPROVE WORK ORDERS: Moved by Director Twogood, seconded by Director Burritt to approve the June 2026 work orders presented totaling \$64,067.32. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS:

- A. **NREA QUARTERLY MEETING:** Director Wyman and Fowler reviewed discussions held at the NREA meeting in Scottsbluff which included JT&S Program update, 2027 Legislative outlook, and 2027 dues.
- B. **NPPD WHOLESALE RATE UPDATE:** Fowler reviewed the NPPD presentation on the 2027 Wholesale Rates which includes proposed rates.
- C. **NREA 2026 YOUTH CAMPERS:** Jordie Schindel and Bailey Becker shared their NREA Youth Camp experiences. District lineman, Kane Benson, shared his experience as a Camp Counselor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Discussions were held regarding Lease Agreements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEBRASKA SENATORS JANA HUGHES AND LOREN LIPPINCOTT:** Nebraska Senators Hughes (Dist 24) and Lippincott (Dist 34) discussed with the Board current Legislative issues and District lease agreement concerns.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 AM, meeting reconvened at 10:45 AM by President Scow.

- B. NE G&T GENERAL MANAGER, DARIN BLOOMQUIST:** The Nebraska G&T General Manager, Darin Bloomquist, shared with the Board updates on G&T grant application and opportunities, membership, and NPPD Wholesale rates.
- C. CFC KRTA'S AND NE G&T STATISTICS:** Fowler reviewed a summary of the District 2025 CFC KRTA's and a summary comparison of the 2025 G&T statistics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ANY ACTION NEEDED:

NPPD Annual Customer Meeting	Aug 20-21
NE G&T Managers Meeting	Aug 26
NCB Blood Drive	Sep 3

CLAIMS: Moved by Director Lindburg seconded by Director Wyman to approve the July 2026 claims presented with credit card expenditures in the amount of \$4,336.51 and total checks written in the amount of \$1,298,658.72. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA:

- A.** UFS Cost of Service Study
- B.** 2027 COLA
- C.** Tesla/EV Charger

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 ~~PM~~ by President Scow.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted



Jeff Scow, President



Judy Rieken, Secretary