

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION HELD JULY 8, 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, Safety/Engineering Manager Justin Sunday, 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 Wyman seconded by Director Kropatsch to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Board Meeting. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Director Lindburg abstained.

SAFETY REPORT: Justin Sunday reported on the Statewide June safety meeting where all employees participated in hazard recognition. As of 6/17/26 708,499 hours have been worked without a lost time accident.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY AND EXPENSE REPORT: General Manager Barb Fowler reviewed her written report, which included a summary of the NPPD June board meeting. Fowler also shared that Tyler Lamoree has achieved his Journeyman status.

President Scow approved the Manager's June expenses in the amount of \$419.96.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORT: Moved by Director Twogood, seconded by Director Burritt to approve the financial and operations reports for the month ending May 31, 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 Kropatsch, seconded by Director Rieken to approve the May 2026 work orders presented totaling \$318,882.21. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS:

- A. **NE G&T MEETING:** Director Wyman and Justin Sunday reported on topics from the June NE G&T meeting including approval of the membership termination of the three Districts and the announcement of Darin Bloomquist's retirement. Also discussed were the rising Wholesale power costs and panhandle Districts looking to leave Tri-State and join with NPPD.
- B. **NPPD CUSTOMER MEETING:** Sunday reported on topics reviewed at the June NPPD Customer meeting including rising Wholesale power costs, NPPD Board votes, and CEO comments made regarding the role Public Power has to play in Nebraska's economic future.

- C. **NPPD 2027-2032 RATE OUTLOOK:** Fowler reviewed the NPPD 2027-2032 Rate Outlook presentation which detailed the rising Wholesale power costs and expected rate increases over the next six years.
- D. **YOUTH TOUR PARTICIPANTS:** Chuck and Cyrus Davenport shared their June NRECA Youth Tour experiences with the Board.

Meeting recessed at 9:50 AM, meeting reconvened at 10:00 AM by President Scow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Fowler discussed the recommended course of action from General Counsel and discussions with the towns' attorneys.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CONSIDER WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN:** Moved by Director Lindburg seconded by Director Wyman to approve the Wildfire Mitigation Plan as presented by Sunday. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.
- B. **CONSIDER FINANCIAL POLICY AMENDMENT:** Moved by Director Kropatsch seconded by Director Burritt to approve amending Policy BP-IG-04 – increasing capitalization threshold to \$5,000– as presented by Megan Klein. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.
- C. **REVIEW VCAP CONTRIBUTION:** Megan Klein reviewed the NRECA VCAP Contribution program and impacts of participation.
- D. **DISCUSS TESLA AND PUBLIC EV CHARGER:** Fowler and Wade Rahn reviewed several options for Board consideration regarding the future of the District Tesla and public charger.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ANY ACTION NEEDED:

NPPD Customer Meeting	Jul 23
NREA Quarterly Meeting	Aug 5-6
NPPD Board Meeting	Aug 13

CLAIMS: Moved by Director Kropatsch seconded by Director Lindburg to approve the June 2026 claims presented with credit card expenditures in the amount of \$3,202.51 and total checks written in the amount of \$911,914.22. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

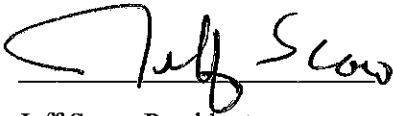
ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA:

- A. Jana Hughes, Loren Lippincott
- B. Darin Bloomquist
- C. KRTAs/G&T Statistics

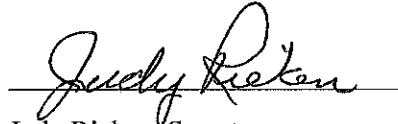
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM by President Scow.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted

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Jeff Scow, President

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Judy Rieken, Secretary

