

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 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, Engineering/Compliance 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 Burritt to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2026 Board Meeting. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Twogood, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried.

SAFETY REPORT: Justin Sunday reported on two safety meetings where all employees participated in noxious weed training and Speak Up/Listen Up safety communication training. As of 8/26/26 714,920 hours have been worked without a lost time accident.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY AND EXPENSE REPORT: In addition to her written report, General Manager Fowler reviewed the opportunity for Panhandle power districts to join the Nebraska power supply family and the NE G&T and discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning session in November.

President Scow approved the Manager's August expenses in the amount of \$544.79.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORT: Moved by Director Lindburg, seconded by Director Kropatsch to approve the financial and operations reports for the month ending July 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 Twogood to approve the July 2026 work orders presented totaling \$88,867.66. 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 GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH:** Fowler reviewed discussions held during the NE G&T Managers' meeting regarding G&T General Manager succession planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Director Rieken reported on attendance at a recent data center public information meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Discussions were held regarding Lease Agreements and the upcoming educational/conversational meeting planned for October.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **UFS COST OF SERVICE STUDY:** Dan Kasbohm and Bobby Blank from UFS presented the financial projections and results from the Cost-of-Service Study.

Director Twogood excused from meeting at 9:45 AM.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 AM, meeting reconvened at 10:15 AM by President Scow.

- B. **CONSIDER TESLA / EV PUBLIC CHARGER:** Moved by Director Kropatsch, seconded by Director Lindburg to sell the 2020 Tesla per Carvana price offer. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent.

Moved by Director Wyman, seconded by Director Burritt to install public EV charger utilizing the Beneficial Electrification Incentive. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent.

- C. **CONSIDER SUBSTATION #6 REGULATORS UPGRADE PURCHASE:** Moved by Director Lindburg, seconded by Director Rieken to approve the order of (3) 416 kVa regulators to be included in 2027 Budget. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent

Moved by Director Kropatsch, seconded by Director Burritt to enter into Executive Session to discuss 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment at 10:56 AM. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent

Moved by Director Lindburg, seconded by Director Wyman to exit Executive Session at 11:10 AM. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent

- D. **CONSIDER 2027 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT:** Moved by Director Burritt, seconded by Director Lindburg to approve a 3.5% COLA for 2027 for all employees, including the General Manager. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ANY ACTION NEEDED:

NPPD Board Meeting	Sep 10
NREA Managers Meeting	Sep 15
NREA Legal Workshop	Sep 16

CLAIMS: Moved by Director Kropatsch seconded by Director Wyman to approve the August 2026 claims presented with credit card expenditures in the amount of \$5,359.08 and total checks written in the amount of \$1,509,316.28. Upon roll call vote, Wyman, Burritt, Kropatsch, Rieken, Lindburg, and Scow voted aye, no nay votes, motion carried. Twogood absent.

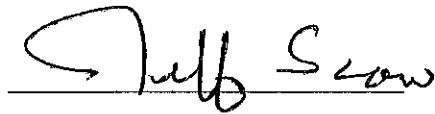
ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA:

- A. 2027 Capitalized Budget Preview
- B. 2027 Financial Forecast
- C. Line Extension Study
- D. 2027 Rate Adjustment

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM by President Scow.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff Scow", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Scow, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Ricken", written over a horizontal line.

Judy Ricken, Secretary

