

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
JUNE 2, 2014 – 9:00 AM

This meeting was publicly advertised in accordance with Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes by a notice on Radio Station KUVR on May 27, 2014, giving the time, date, and place of the meeting and the information that the Agenda was available in advance at the Office of the Assistant Secretary.

Individual cards giving the time, date, and place of this meeting were mailed to the Directors on May 16, 2014.

The following Directors were present:

Dudley L. Nelson, President	Geoffrey K. Bogle	Martin E. Mueller
David L. Rowe, Vice President	Ronald E. Fowler	Roger D. Olson
Robert B. Dahlgren, Treasurer*	Robert A. Garrett	Robert L. Petersen
K. Scott Olson, Secretary	William E. Knoerzer	Gordon N. Soneson

\*arrived at 9:01 a.m.

Also present were the following:

Don D. Kraus, General Manager	Kevin M. Boyd, Gothenburg Division Mgt.
Dave R. Ford, Irrigation Division Manager	Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller
Cory A. Steinke, Civil Engineer	Holly G. Hiebert, Public Relations Asst.
Mike A. Drain, Natural Resources Mgr.	Michael C. Klein, Legal Counsel
Jeff J. Buettner, Public Relations Coord.	Emily Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present:

John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	Matt Williams
Dean Nelson	Gary Robison

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The President announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 9:00 AM, the Board President, Dudley L. Nelson, announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Matt Williams, District 36 Candidate for Legislature, gave a brief speech about his experience, background and goals he would like to accomplish if elected to office. Dean Nelson commented that his neighbor drilled a new well two miles east of his property and the water level is the same as when he drilled the well in 1995. John Thorburn encouraged the Board to approve the Water Service Agreement for Elwood Reservoir.

CONSENT AGENDA: President Nelson asked the Directors if there were items they wished to be removed from the following consent agenda and discussed and voted on individually.

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held May 5, 2014**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held May 23, 2014**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held May 23, 2014**
- **Approval of the June Disbursements:**

*Hydro Division:*

Check #s 46378, 46529 & 46398-VOID; Check #s 46569 through 46748 \$936,063.61  
and #s 8800390 through 8800394 & 9909711 (Accounts Payable)  
Check #s 9909712 through 9909816 & 9823 (Payroll) \$321,006.51

*Kingsley Division:*

Check #s 2682 through 2689 (Accounts Payable) \$65,585.01  
*J-2 Regulating Reservoir Construction Fund:*  
Check #s 1029 through 1035 (Accounts Payable) \$214,080.31

*Glendo Division:*

Check #1103 \$5,673.06

*Flex Spending Account:*

Check #s 6850 through 6861 \$5,290.57

- **Approval of Transfer of Johnson Lake Airport Lease to Lance Werth** – Transfer lease from Dave Malcolm to Lance Werth
- **Approval of Variance Request – Jeffrey Hanson – 1 Plum Creek Canyon, Drive 12-F, Johnson Lake** – Approve a variance of the 10’ maximum height for a Special Water Access Facility (SWAF) to allow for a roof over a new dock that will be 12’10” above the water line
- **2014 Budget Amendment for Jeffrey Island Pasture #1** – Increase Gothenburg Capital budget from \$11,000.00 to \$14,000.00 for Solar Powered Mill & Tank at Jeffrey Island
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107328 – Jeffrey Island Pasture #1 (\$13,656.88)** – New solar powered pump and 30 foot bottomless tank for livestock on Jeffrey Island to replace the windmill destroyed in a wind storm
- **Approval of Work Order No. 186619 – E65-23.7-9.8-0.8 Pipeline (\$98,838.75)** – Replace open lateral with pipeline
- **Approval of Bids for A29.1-12.7 Flume**
  - Accept Kroy Industries, Inc.’s bid on 24” PVC Pipe in the amount of \$33,496.99
  - Accept Diamond Plastics Corp.’s bid on 42” PVC Pipe in the amount of \$242,899.63
- **Approval of 2014 Water Right Transfers** – Approval of 21 water right transfer requests equaling 758.7 acres in the Phelps, E65, E67 and Supply Canal areas. The water rights from unused or canceled acres used to cover these requests are for the following parcels:

Phelps Canal

Larry D & Marlene A Pearson- 11 acres- S1/2NW1/4 32-7-17  
Samuel Stadler etal- 7 acres- NW1/4SW1/4 21-6-15  
Marsha Reiss & LeRoy Gellerman- 6 acres- SE1/4NW1/4 3-6-16  
Rosalee Nagele- 10 acres- SE1/4SW1/4 34-7-16  
Dahlgren’s Inc- 91 acres- Pt NE1/4 1-6-18  
Mark Sweeney- 22 acres- SE1/4SW1/4 29-8-19  
USF&W- 7 acres- NW1/4SW1/4 1-6-17  
USF&W- 44 acres- N1/2SE1/4 2-6-17  
USF&W- 139 acres- Pt of NE1/4 & SW1/4 & SE1/4 10-6-17

E-65

Betty Wilken etal- 17.5 acres- NW1/4 10-7-21  
South Central Feeders Inc- 32.3 acres- SE1/4 25-8-20  
Michael R Wallander- 4 acres- NE1/4 27-7-20  
Jon Bruce & Janet Holen- 40 acres- Pt NE1/4 33-8-20  
Kurt Holen- 18 acres- SW1/4 34-8-20  
Jerrold & Janice Hibbs TTEES- 6.5 acres- SW1/4 17-7-21  
Dennis & Jennifer Sand- 9 acres- SW1/4 14-7-20  
Oliver High Farms Ltd- 3.7 acres- NW1/4 7-7-20  
Paul & Rogene Peterson- 2.4 acres- NW1/4 32-8-20

E-67

Carlton Clark- 14.3 acres- NE1/4 36-8-22

Supply Canal

Brent & Kelly Gengenbach- 194 acres- NW1/4 & W1/2 NE1/4 21-9-23  
FBM Farms Ltd- 80 acres- Pt SW1/4 18-9-23



**Garrett, Knoerzer, Mueller, Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, Soneson, Bogle, and Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM: This was discussed in Closed Session.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT (ELWOOD RESERVOIR) – NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT: This was discussed in Closed Session.

J-2 REGULATING RESERVOIR: Mike Drain reported he and Cory Steinke recently met with the State Historical Society at the J-2 site and they met with the Dawson and Phelps County Roads Departments last week. More discussions were held in Closed Session.

PERSONNEL: There were two additions to payroll for two new Habitat Area Technicians at Lake McConaughy.

LEGISLATION: Jeff Buettner reported on his recent participation in a conference call regarding the interim study bill for the Natural Resources Districts' standing before the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Don Kraus stated he will begin orientation this week for his recent appointment to the Natural Resources Commission and they will have their first meeting on June 18-19, 2014.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All Directors were present.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Nelson observed flood conditions at Laramie, Wyoming over the weekend. Director Mueller stated the South Platte is very full at Ogallala as of last week.

OPERATIONS REPORT: The following operations reports were presented:

- a. Kevin Boyd stated the reservoirs and canal is full and flows are very good. The gates have been painted at the diversion dam. He received notification from the Bureau of Reclamation that Lake McConaughy will receive its full Glendo allotment.
- b. Jeff Buettner stated the recent UNL tour with international students, mostly from Africa, was successful and the students were very inquisitive. He conducted a tour last week with students from UNK.
- c. Dave Ford announced the irrigation delivery schedule will begin on June 9, 2014. He has concerns about canal capacity and the ability to divert to Elwood Reservoir.
- d. Holly Rahmann stated the website is going well and she is currently working with staff on ideas for the blog. She will attend a social media training in Omaha this week. She plans to meet with Directors following the meeting who are interested in training and giving input on the board website.
- e. Don Kraus stated John Berge from North Platte Natural Resources District is presenting the Western Users Model at the next COHYST meeting on June 25, 2014. Kraus will report more to the Board at the June 27, 2014 Committee of the Board meeting.
- f. Cory Steinke reported that Lake McConaughy's elevation is at 3,240.3, 1,100,000 acre feet and 63% capacity, which is an increase of 1.1 feet from last week. The canal companies started taking their Glendo storage water annual allotments over the weekend pursuant to their water service agreements. He stated that 2,500 cfs is coming into Lake McConaughy and 600 cfs is being released. The South Platte flows continue to increase and snowpack is still good. He predicts around 3,400 cfs to be flowing through Overton within the next few days.

A break was taken at 9:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:01 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer, seconded by Director Mueller, that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss legal matters. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Garrett, Knoerzer, Mueller, Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, Soneson, Bogle, Dahlgren, and Fowler. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Nelson stated the items to be discussed in Closed Session were: Water Service Agreement-Platte River Recovery Implementation Program; Water Service Agreement (Elwood Reservoir)-Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Tri-Basin Natural Resources District; and J-2 Regulating Reservoir.

**C L O S E D   S E S S I O N**

At 9:40 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer, seconded by Director Mueller, that the Board exit Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Garrett, Knoerzer, Mueller, Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, Soneson, Bogle, Dahlgren, and Fowler. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Nelson stated the items discussed in Closed Session were: Water Service Agreement-Platte River Recovery Implementation Program; Water Service Agreement (Elwood Reservoir)-Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Tri-Basin Natural Resources District; and J-2 Regulating Reservoir.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT (ELWOOD RESERVOIR) – NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT: It was moved by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Garrett, that the Board approve the Water Service Agreement-Groundwater Recharge From Excess Flows Between The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, subject to legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Knoerzer, Mueller, Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Petersen, Rowe, Soneson, Bogle, Dahlgren, Fowler, and Garrett. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER  
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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K. Scott Olson, Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dudley L. Nelson, President