



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - Johnson No. 2 hydroplant will begin a scheduled outage starting Nov. 2 and will be off-line until Nov. 11 meaning water levels at Johnson Lake will drop another foot from current levels.

Hydraulic Project Operations manager Cory Steinke told the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's board of directors at Monday's monthly meeting that there would also be no flow back to the river at the Johnson No. 2 return until Nov. 11 due to the outage.

Steinke also reported that Lake McConaughy's elevation rose half a foot last week and is now at 3237.4 feet (59.1 % capacity). Inflows into the lake were about 1,100 cubic feet per second with outflows at 415 cfs. Kingsley Hydroplant is back on-line after the maintenance outage was completed.

Also at Monday's meeting:

- The directors approved a management agreement with Johnson Lake Development, Inc., for the construction, operation and maintenance of structures on Central property. They approved in-kind work for site preparation at an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for a playground project at Bass Bay.
- The board approved a contract with SEL Engineering Services, Inc., of Denver in the amount of \$77,951.91 for fault recording upgrades.
- Irrigation and Water Services manager Scott Dicke reported that 200 cfs of excess flow for recharge along the E65 Canal and into Linder, Victor and Cottonwood Waterfowl Production Areas started Monday morning.
- Natural Resources and Compliance Manager Mike Drain reported to the board on the successful inspection of Kingsley Dam and the project by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission personnel last week. The inspection coincided with the District's hosting of the Kingsley Dam emergency action plan functional exercise with many state and local participants attending.

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