



## News Release

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(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's board of directors were given updates by management staff on several projects taking place within the District.

Hydraulic Project Operations Manager Cory Steinke told the board that the first portion of the shoreline protection project at Mako Ch' Mni should be finalized this week. A 500-foot area with three-layers of GeoTubes -- long, synthetic bags filled with sand -- are being installed. Central workers have battled windy conditions attempting to fill the tubes and installing them along the shoreline.

Workers in the irrigation division have also been battling windy conditions trying to remove debris from canals and laterals. Irrigation and Water Services Manager Scott Dicke said crews are working seven days a week in an attempt to remove all the stalks and husks from canals to ensure timely delivery of water to customers. He reported the combination of lack of snow this winter and dry, windy conditions have made it the one of the worst years current employees can remember for debris in the canals.

Also at Monday's meeting:

- The board approved a bid from Allen Blasting & Coating, Inc., of Wever, Iowa in the amount of \$211,136 for painting the J-1 Hydroplant's penstock.
- The board voted to approve a bid from TL Sund Contractors of Lexington for \$65,786 to complete the Plum Creek bridge abutment repair.
- Two new equipment purchases were approved by the board. A Komatsu crawler dozer for \$377,000 and a 2020 John Deere track loader in the amount of \$297,000 were both given board approval.
- Civil engineer Tyler Thulin reported that Lake McConaughy's elevation was at 3243.7 feet as of Monday morning (67.2% of capacity). Inflows have averaged 700 cubic feet per second (cfs) with releases of about 575 cfs. Thulin added hydrocycling that was taking place at Johnson No. 2 hydroplant ended on April 30 so lake levels at Johnson Lake should remain at a more consistent level.
- Central's board passed a resolution to recognize Gordon N. Soneson for his service as a board member. A copy of the resolution was presented to members of the Soneson family who were in attendance. Soneson served as a member of the board of directors from 2005 until his death on Nov. 22, 2021.

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