

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northwest Rural PPD was held at the headquarters January 27, 2025 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lee Ahrens. The following Members were present and constituted a quorum: Lee Ahrens, Lucas Bear, Kevin Christy, Christopher Garrett, Marcus Sandberg, and Ethan Skinner.

Also present were General Manager Chance Briscoe, Operations Manager Ron Olson, Office Manager Tony Hindman, Customer Service Representative Les Tlustos, employee guest Kelsey Yada, and Dustin Waugh.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were taken by roll call on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously passed.

Open Meeting Law: The Open Meeting Law was acknowledged.

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda; motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Budget Hearing and the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024; motion carried.

Check Register and Payroll Summary Review: The Check Register and Payroll Summary for the previous month were reviewed. President Ahrens declared the items as informational items requiring no Board action.

Action Items: A motion was made to appoint Dustin Waugh to fill the vacant board seat due to the resignation of Director Fuchser; motion carried.

Directors Bear, Garrett, Skinner and Waugh read and signed the Oath of Office.

President Ahrens turned the meeting over to Manager Briscoe to conduct the board re-organization process. Manager Briscoe reviewed the current slate of officers and a motion was made to vote on a slate of officers; Director Garrett for President, Director Sandberg for Vice President, Director Bear for Secretary, and Director Christy for Treasurer; motion carried. Manager Briscoe turned the meeting over to President Garrett to conclude the remaining officer position selections.

President Garrett asked for nominations for Assistant Treasurer. A motion was made to elect Director Skinner as Assistant Treasurer; motion carried.

President Garrett asked for nominations for NREA Director, NREA Alternate and Tri-State Director. A motion was made to elect a slate; Director Christy as NREA Director, Manager Briscoe as Alternate and Director Bear as Tri-State Director; motion carried.

Financial Report: Manager Briscoe reviewed the operating report for the previous month. A motion was made to accept the financial report; motion carried.

Safety Report: Operations Manager Olson reviewed the safety statistics and the safety report for the previous month, along with the Safety Improvement Plan results for 2024. A motion was made to accept the safety report; motion carried.

Staff Reports: The staff made the following reports and answered Board questions:

- a. Operations Manager Olson reviewed the outage statistics from the previous month.
- b. Member Service Representative Tlustos reported on receipt of rebates from Tri-State back to May 2024 and discussed dates for the Scholarship Committee to review applications. A date was set for February 20 at 1:00 to include Directors Bear and Christy.

General Manager's Report: Manager Briscoe generally reported on or discussed, among other things: (1) virtual attendance for the Tri-State Board Meeting; (2) attendance at the Tri-State Contract Committee Meeting; (3) review of some topics covered at the NRECA CEO Close-Up Conference; (4) review and discussion regarding upgrades being considered at the Sidney Training Facility; and (5) a brief discussion about Tri-State upcoming compliance filing in the CTP docket at FERC which is due February 5, 2025.

District Counsel: At 2:08 District Counsel, Terry Curtiss, joined the meeting.

Meetings Attended: Director Bear reported that although he was not yet officially seated as a Director at Tri-State, he did attend the meeting virtually.

Items for Next Agenda: The next meeting date was set for Thursday, February 27th, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Legal Update: None.

Other Business: None.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter executive session to litigation matters; motion carried. The board entered executive session at 2:14 and all staff and guests left the meeting. At 5:16 a motion was made to exit executive session; motion carried.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Secretary