

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 February 27, 2025 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Garrett. The following Members were present and constituted a quorum: Lee Ahrens, Lucas Bear, Kevin Christy, Christopher Garrett, Marcus Sandberg, Ethan Skinner, and Dustin Waugh.

Also present were General Manager Chance Briscoe, Operations Manager Ron Olson, Office Manager Tony Hindman, Customer Service Representative Les Tlustos, employee guest John Hessler.

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 Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025; motion carried.

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

Action Items: Manager Briscoe reviewed Policy 501, Fees and Policy 502, Oversized Load Fees. These policies were updated to reflect current labor costs associated with providing services requiring employee time. A motion was made to accept Policy 501 and 502 as presented; motion carried.

Manager Briscoe reviewed proposed changes for the 2025 Irrigation Load Control Program. The changes include new control times from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm Monday through Saturday, in addition to changes of demand and energy charges based on changes in the wholesale power supply charges for 2025. A motion was made to accept the 2025 Irrigation Load Control Program as presented; 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. 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. Office Manager Hindman reported that the 2024 audit field work has been completed and the expectation is to have the auditors report to the board at the next meeting.
- c. Member Service Representative Tlustos reported on selection of recipients for the 2025 NRPPD Scholarships and distributed renewal cards for America's Electric Cooperative PAC.

General Manager's Report: Manager Briscoe generally reported on or discussed, among other things: (1) attendance at the NREA Board Meeting and Legislative Reception; (2) attendance to the NREA Manager's Meeting; (3) review of the Basin Winter's Manager meeting along with Basin's capital expenditure forecasts and rate projections through 2034; and (4) a brief review of the FERC CTP docket status.

Meetings Attended: Director Bear reported that he attended Tri-State's Board Meeting which most was strategic planning held in Executive Session.

Director Christy reported on the NREA Board Meeting and Legislative Reception. A couple of the main topics were legislation being monitored by NREA and the formal offer made to Rick Nelson as the full-time GM of NREA by the end of 2025.

Director Garrett reviewed a phone conversation with the financial auditor. Garrett reported the auditor had very good things to say about the audit and that he reported no suspicion of fraud.

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

Legal Update: None.

Other Business: None.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and litigation matters; motion carried. The board entered executive session at 2:40 and all staff and guests left the meeting, except for Operations Manager Olson. Olson left the meeting at 3:27. At 4:11 a motion was made to exit executive session; motion carried.

Action Item: A motion was made to authorize the General Manager to make an offer for land acquisition under the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Secretary