

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 March 27, 2025 at the hour of 1:07 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 Darren Drabbels.

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 as revised to table Audit Report; motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 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 changes to be made to the Retirement Plan Documents allowing for installment payments. A resolution was presented to the Board authorizing the changes. A motion was made to approve the resolution; 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 and mentioned that we have sold the old digger truck to WNCC and a photo op will be in Alliance the following day for anyone who wants to attend.
- b. Member Service Representative Tlustos reported that currently 72 irrigation load control accounts have signed up for 2025 and expecting more to come in.

General Manager's Report: Manager Briscoe generally reported on or discussed, among other things: (1) attendance at a Tri-State Contract Committee; (2) attendance at a regional Tri-State meeting of Nebraska and Wyoming members to discuss the contract extension requested; (3) attendance at the NRECA Annual Meeting; and (4) a review of recent FERC related activities and next steps to be taken after the new proposal estimating an exit fee from Tri-State for NRPPD at \$11.5M.

Meetings Attended: Director Bear reported that he attended Tri-State's Board Meeting virtually. Among other topics he discussed Tri-State's continued failure to implement the Oracle software environment, which now appears to cost over \$50M, Tri-State received a letter from the USDA notifying them they are planning to release funds under the NewERA program, Tri-State has been using Deferred Revenue to meet their financial requirements at a vastly accelerated pace, and that the Tri-State CEO received a salary increase approved by the Board.

Items for Next Agenda: The next meeting date set for Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 pm. And there will be two action items; the carried forward tabled items to approve the audit report and acceptance of the updated Safety Manual.

Legal Update: None.

Other Business: None.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss litigation matters; motion carried. The board entered executive session at 2:13 and all staff and guests left the meeting. At 2:32 a motion was made to exit executive session; motion carried.

Action Item: A motion was made to direct General Counsel Curtiss to inquire about further filings.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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President

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Secretary