

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 May 22nd, 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 Drew Loutzenheiser, District Counsel Terry Curtiss and scholarship recipients and parents.

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.

Scholarship Recipients: Each scholarship recipient was awarded their scholarship and gave a brief review of the future plans. A \$500 scholarship sponsored by Arbor Wealth was given to Owen Wess. Tri-State scholarships of \$500 were awarded to Rhett Flack and Paityn Homan. The \$1000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric was presented to Jace Lein. After the presentations, the scholarship recipients and parents left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 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: A motion was made to appoint Office Manager, Hindman as the voting delegate for the upcoming CFC Annual Meeting; motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a request made by a customer for reimbursement for damaged irrigation equipment where the claim was denied by Federated. A motion was made to deny the request for reimbursement; motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a customer request to combine two separate accounts in different rate classes into one account. After discussion, a motion was made to deny the request to combine accounts; 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. He also reviewed changes to be implemented by the state electrical inspection department and previewed changes to NRPPD policies that will be necessary beginning 2026 on ag installations and service upgrades.

General Manager's Report: Manager Briscoe generally reported on or discussed, among other things: (1) attendance at a NREA Board Meeting; (2) Tri-State members who have and have not signed the contract extension offered by Tri-State; and (3) a review of recent FERC related activities.

Meetings Attended: Directors Bear reported his attendance at a Tri-State Board Meeting, where among other topics; they discussed impacts from tariffs especially on transformers, that Basin's Annual Meeting is coming up in August, the Oracle software conversion has cost approximately \$55M to date, and that the financial auditors identified some significant deficiencies and some material weaknesses in Tri-State's financial reporting.

Director Christie attended a NREA Board Meeting which was very brief but among others things that the Perkins Canal and the annual CEO Evaluation process were discussed.

Items for Next Agenda: The next meeting date set for Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Legal Update: District Counsel Curtiss reviewed FERC Orders denying motions for rehearing on a number of subjects related to activities related to NRPPD's exit docket. The Orders reaffirmed the previous positions from FERC, especially related to being no Breach of Contract for exit of Eastern Interconnection members.

Other Business: Arrangements were made related to an upcoming NPPD Board Meeting in Scottsbluff on June 19th.

Executive Session: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Secretary