

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 August 25th, 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, Kevin Christy, Christopher Garrett, Marcus Sandberg, Ethan Skinner, and Dustin Waugh.

Also present were General Manager Chance Briscoe, Operations Manager Ron Olson, and Office Manager Tony Hindman,

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 July 15, 2025; motion carried.

Excuse Director for Absence: A motion was and seconded to excuse Director Bear from the meeting; 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 Manager Briscoe as the CFC voting delegate for the upcoming Region VII meeting; 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. Olson also informed the Board that Cole Coss has completed his apprenticeship and been approved by the NREA JT&S Committee as a Journeyman Lineman. Coss will attend a JT&S meeting to formally receive his certificate of completion.

General Manager's Report: Manager Briscoe generally reported on or discussed, among other things: (1) attendance at Basin Electric's summer manager meeting where Basin informed the members of a proposed 18% rate increase for 2026; (2) Tri-State Board Meeting; (3) attendance at Basin Electric's Annual Meeting where the staff proposal was to split the 2026 rate increase over two year at just below 10% each year; and (4) distribution of a wholesale rate forecast comparison between Tri-State, Basin and NPPD.

Meetings Attended: Director Christy reported on his attendance at a NREA Board Meeting. Among other topics covered he showed a list by county of minimum damage amounts to be included in a disaster declaration and being careful to make any necessary conflict of interest disclosures to avoid the perception of wrong-doing that others are facing.

Items for Next Agenda: The next meeting date set for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Policy 200 Board Training, was also set to be revised and brought back for the September meeting.

District Counsel Terry Curtiss joined the meeting at 2:33.

Legal Update: District Counsel Curtiss reviewed a recent FERC Order related to Tri-State's Fourth Compliance filing in the CTP Docket.

Other Business: Manager Briscoe informed the Board that the District has acquired the land where the Gordon Radio Tower is located and staff is working with Verizon on the long-term lease/easement.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter Executive Session with the Board, Manager and District Counsel at 3:00 to discuss litigation, and personnel matters; motion carried.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 3:50; motion carried.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Secretary