

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
APRIL 7-8, 2021

(Marginal Index for Informational Purposes Only)

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District was held at the Columbus General Office, Columbus, Nebraska, beginning at 2:32 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, only the Board of Directors and members of NPPD's executive staff were seated in the Board Room, and guests and other members of staff viewed the meeting from conference rooms at the Columbus General Office.

In compliance with state law, legal notice announcing the date, hours, location and availability of the Board agenda for the meeting was published in advance of the meeting in the following newspapers:

- (1) Columbus Telegram, Columbus, Nebraska;
- (2) Kearney Hub, Kearney, Nebraska;
- (3) Lincoln Journal Star, Lincoln, Nebraska;
- (4) Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska;
- (5) North Platte Telegraph, North Platte, Nebraska;
- (6) Omaha World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska;
- (7) Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska;
- (8) York News-Times, York, Nebraska.

Chair Harding called the regular meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, and directed the roll be called:

Present: Jerry L. Chlopek, Melissa S. Freelend, Mary A. Harding, Bill C. Hoyt, Charlie C. Kennedy, Edward J. Schrock, Gary G. Thompson, Aaron D. Troester

Absent: Fred L. Christensen, William D. Johnson, Wayne E. Williams

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Director Williams entered the meeting shortly after roll call.

Chair Harding announced that there was a posting of the Open Meetings Act and copies of the Board agenda in the Board Room and area conference rooms, for anyone wishing to examine those documents.

Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee Chair Mary A. Harding reported that the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee met Wednesday afternoon, April 7, 2021, with the District's external auditor and members of staff to review the 2020 Audit Report and Annual Report.

LEGAL NOTICE RUN
PRIOR TO THE
MEETING

ROLL CALL,
2:32 P.M., APRIL 7,
2021

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
POSTING OF OPEN
MEETINGS ACT AND
AGENDA

Dan Chavez, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Engagement Partner, reviewed the results of the 2020 audit with the full Board, stating that no adjustments were needed and no fraud detected, and that PwC received excellent cooperation from NPPD staff during the audit.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis discussed the audit and identified a few highlights from the statistical review.

It was moved by Director Kennedy and seconded by Director Chlopek that the Board accept the PwC 2020 Audit Report and approve the 2020 Annual Report. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Christensen, Johnson

Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Director Freelend and seconded by Director Hoyt that the Board go into Executive Session at 2:46 p.m. to protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Christensen, Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Chair Harding announced the executive session was ended at 4:34 p.m., during which nothing was discussed beyond the items declared: competitive and proprietary information, personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

The meeting was recessed at 4:34 p.m., to reconvene on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

**MOTION (CARRIED):
ACCEPT PwC 2020
AUDIT REPORT AND
APPROVE 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

**MOTION (CARRIED):
GO INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT
2:46 P.M. TO
PROTECT THE
PUBLIC INTEREST,
DISCUSS
COMPETITIVE AND
PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION,
PERSONNEL
MATTERS, PENDING
AND POTENTIAL
LITIGATION, AND
RECEIVE LEGAL
ADVICE**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION ENDED AT
4:34 P.M.**

APRIL 8, 2021

Chair Harding called the regular meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, and directed the roll to be called:

Present: Jerry L. Chlopek, Fred L. Christensen, Melissa S. Freeland, Mary A. Harding, Bill C. Hoyt, Charlie C. Kennedy, Edward J. Schrock, Gary G. Thompson, Aaron D. Troester, Wayne E. Williams

Absent: William D. Johnson

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, only the Board of Directors and members of NPPD's executive staff were seated in the Board Room, and guests and other members of staff viewed the meeting from conference rooms at the Columbus General Office. The April 8, 2021, public proceedings were also live streamed over the internet, and recorded.

Chair Harding announced that there was a posting of the Open Meetings Act and copies of the Board agenda in the Board Room and area conference rooms, for anyone wishing to examine those documents.

Guests at the meeting included Darin Bloomquist, Nebraska Electric G&T; Mark Kirby, Butler Public Power District; Mike Lammers, Cedar-Knox Public Power District; and Ron Sandoz, Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District.

Director of Wholesale Services and External Affairs Courtney A. Dentlinger reviewed legislative matters and bills of interest at the state level, and Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure provided an update on legislative and governmental matters at the federal level.

Director of Generation Strategies and Research John H. Swanson reviewed the agreement between NPPD and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln which supports the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research (NCESR). Established in 2006, the mission of the NCESR is to conduct energy research that produces new technologies, processes and systems that provide new or significantly enhanced energy sources and improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for Nebraskans. This is accomplished by funding research as seed projects in promising new areas that facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations, which in turn helps leverage those dollars by attracting additional external funding from federal agencies, foundations, or private entities. Mr. Swanson provided a brief history of the NCESR and highlighted achievements and success stories.

ROLL CALL,
10:05 A.M., APRIL 8,
2021

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
POSTING OF OPEN
MEETINGS ACT AND
AGENDA

GUESTS
WELCOMED TO
MEETING

LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

NCESR UPDATE

Dr. Jerry Hudgins, Interim Director of the NCESR, continued the discussion and provided the annual NCESR update to the NPPD Board, including a review of the Cycle 15 grant recipients and their projects, and a preview of the focus areas for Cycle 16 (2022-2023). The search for a permanent Director for the NCESR continues, with the goal of having a new Director in place summer 2022 or sooner.

Director of Generation Strategies and Research John H. Swanson discussed Strategic Directive BP-SD-11, Research and Development. In addition to the efforts surrounding the partnership with UN-L and the NCESR, Mr. Swanson also discussed other initiatives including membership in the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and work with other universities, engineering firms, national laboratories, the Department of Energy, State of Nebraska agencies, and industry groups as part of the ongoing effort to identify new and state-of-the-art ideas and technologies to benefit the electric utility industry and NPPD.

During the time designated for public comments, Butler Public Power District General Manager Mark Kirby addressed the Board and discussed bills related to carbon capture introduced at the federal level.

Chair Harding asked for discussion of any consent agenda items, which included the following:

- Minutes of March 10, 2021, Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of March 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- June 2021 Regular Board Meeting Scheduled for June 9-10, 2021, in Columbus (May 2021 Regular Board Meeting Previously Scheduled for May 12-13, 2021, in Columbus)
- Ratification/Confirmation of Signatures of Staff Members
- February 2021 Summary of Disbursements

Chair Harding asked whether any Directors desired any items on the consent agenda to be placed on the regular agenda and voted on separately. There were none.

It was moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director Hoyt that all items on the consent agenda be approved as listed above. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Christensen, Freeland, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF
BP-SD-11,
RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA**

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent read an excerpt from NPPD's "CNS Tools for Excellence" pocket guide.

Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Innovation Timothy J. Arlt, serving as Emergency Manager and Director of the District's Executive Response Team for the COVID-19 Pandemic Response, provided a pandemic update to the Board and indicated that NPPD remains at an elevated risk status with regard to the Pandemic Response Plan, which equates to "a predicted high-risk health threat to NPPD teammates and their families". As of April 7, a cumulative total of 313 NPPD teammates had tested positive for the virus, with 308 fully recovered.

Mr. Arlt shared data on Nebraska daily confirmed case counts and reported that the state of Nebraska is in "green" status as related to Directed Health Measures, which indicates no state-mandated capacity restrictions, although local ordinances may vary and take precedence. A chart outlining the state's vaccination progress was provided, as well as a summary of NPPD's position on vaccination.

The District has set May 1, 2021, as a target for transition to Phase 2 of pandemic recovery, and NPPD's Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (IDPC) Team will continue to monitor the national and statewide trends, and communicate and prepare employees accordingly for re-entry to the workplace.

A video depicting accomplishments achieved by the District during the first quarter of 2021 was shown.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided an update on NPPD employee staffing levels, and presented the Report on Retirements and Former District Employee Rehires which is on file with the Assistant Secretary and attached and made a part of these minutes.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent recommended confirmation of the appointments of Dallas M. Beshaler to the position of Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Services, Laura L. Kapustka to the position of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and requested approval of compensation for Mr. Beshaler and Ms. Kapustka. Mr. Kent also recommended approval of the salary for Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer John A. Dent, Jr., which is set by Entergy Nuclear Nebraska, LLC, and reimbursed by NPPD.

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Schrock to: 1) Confirm the appointment of Dallas M. Beshaler to the position of Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Services effective April 1, 2021, and set compensation; 2) Confirm the appointment of Laura L. Kapustka to the position of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective April 16, 2021, and set compensation; and 3) Approve the salary for Vice President and Chief Nuclear John A.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC
UPDATE

REPORT ON FIRST
QUARTER 2021
PERFORMANCE

EMPLOYEE
COUNTS,
RETIREMENTS AND
REHIRE FOR
APRIL 2021

**MOTION (CARRIED):
CONFIRM
APPOINTMENTS OF
AND SET
COMPENSATION
FOR VICE
PRESIDENTS**

Dent, Jr., effective April 1, 2021. Votes were cast and recorded as follows. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Christensen, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Present But Not Voting: None
 Absent: Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

The next order of business was election of Treasurer for the remainder of 2021, due to the retirement of Traci L. Bender. Pursuant to the District's By-Laws, Directors vote by secret ballot for officer elections. Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure outlined the protocols for the election of Treasurer and announced that he would collect and tabulate the votes.

Director Thompson nominated Laura L. Kapustka as Treasurer for the remainder of 2021. No other nominations were made, and Chair Harding declared the nominations closed. Vote totals for Treasurer were as follows:

Laura L. Kapustka	10 votes
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Chair Harding declared Laura L. Kapustka elected Treasurer for the remainder of 2021. The appointments of Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Assistant Treasurer, and signatories, recommended by Traci L. Bender and confirmed by the Board of Directors at the January 13, 2021, Board Meeting, remained unchanged and in place.

Pricing, Rates and Wholesale Billing Manager Todd S. Swartz discussed the potential for a Retail Demand Response (DR) Pilot Program. In 2020, a third-party aggregator approached an NPPD retail customer that has the ability to manage their load, and tried to register that entity into the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Market as a Demand Response (DR) Resource. NPPD was notified of this request by SPP, and when NPPD replied that this was not allowed under the current rate schedules, the retail customer requested that NPPD consider developing such a DR Program because the customer is able to do this at other locations in the US, outside the SPP market.

Mr. Swartz outlined the concept for a DR Pilot Program for retail customers, which would utilize existing SPP market provisions for DR resources. An internal team is developing a new NPPD Retail Pilot Program DR Rider Rate Schedule and companion service agreement, and the basic provisions for program eligibility were reviewed by Mr. Swartz.

**BESHALER AND
KAPUSTKA;
APPROVE SALARY
FOR DENT**

**NOMINATION AND
ELECTION OF
TREASURER**

A webinar to explain the concept and share information with wholesale customers will be conducted; Board consideration of the proposed new rate schedule is tentatively slated for June and, if approved, would become effective in July. Once implemented, staff would evaluate results of the pilot and determine the feasibility of a similar offering for wholesale customers.

A lunch recess was taken from 11:37 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure discussed the 2020 decennial census and resulting requirement of public power districts to review their charter and the makeup of their director subdivisions. The Board's Chartered Territory (Ad Hoc) Committee will begin meeting in preparation for the issuance of final census data and begin the process of redistricting options, for consideration by the full Board in anticipation of the 2022 election.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent introduced a video spot that highlighted NPPD's partnership with Monolith and focused on low cost, another in the "Powering Your Everyday, Every Day" advertising campaign.

During the time designated for Directors' comments and questions, Director Schrock provided an update on the agricultural economy. Director Hoyt commented on the in-person customer meeting recently conducted in Kearney. Director Harding announced that she had hosted a webinar with a staff member from Diana DeGette's office, a member of the US House of Representatives from Colorado (District 1) to discuss clean energy standards; the recording will be edited and a link provided to the Board and members of NPPD staff.

The Nuclear Committee of the Whole, chaired by Director Johnson, met Thursday, April 8, 2021, from 12:46 to 12:58 p.m. during the Board of Directors meeting. Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer John A. Dent, Jr., provided a status update regarding Cooper Nuclear Station.

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee met Thursday morning, April 8, 2021.

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, presented the following Capital Projects Report:

Report No. ES-1	Capital Projects \$500,000 and above not specifically identified in the Budget that require approval by the Board for the period March 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021 – 2021 Capital Additions Budget.
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LUNCH RECESS

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

POWERING YOUR EVERYDAY, EVERY DAY

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

NUCLEAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ENERGY SUPPLY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Director Kennedy and seconded by Director Schrock that Capital Projects Report No. ES-1 be approved for the period March 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021, which included Capital Project C/9194, Replace Cooling Pond Baffle (GGS). Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Christensen, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-18

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 21-011, Replace Cooling Pond Baffle, Gerald Gentleman Station, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed all the bids received and it was determined that the bids contained significant exceptions and are considered non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject the bids and negotiate a contract for the replacement of the Cooling Pond Baffle, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bids submitted on Contract No. 21-011 hereby are rejected as being non-responsive to the bid documents, and that the bid security submitted by the bidders as evidence of good faith be returned to the bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized to negotiate with the vendors that provided a bid under this Contract for the replacement of the Cooling Pond Baffle, as contemplated by Contract No. 21-011, in an amount not to exceed \$2,535,000, after review and approval by legal counsel.

It was moved by Director Kennedy and seconded by Director Freelend that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT NO. ES-1

RESOLUTION NO. 21-18 (ADOPTED): REJECT BIDS AND NEGOTIATE CONTRACT NO. 21-011, REPLACE COOLING POND BAFFLE (GGS)

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Christensen, Freeland, Harding, Hoyt,
Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester,
Williams
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Present But Not Voting: None
 Absent: Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-18 adopted.

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee,
recommended the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

WHEREAS, Nebraska Public Power District (District) owns and maintains a statewide telecommunications network, comprised of fiber optic cable and a microwave radio system, used for internal and external communication and for operation of the District’s electrical system; and

WHEREAS, the existing telecommunications network contains areas with only linear paths where radial/redundant paths are desired, specifically between the Beatrice Power Station and Structure No. 381 on the Pauline-Moore 345 kV Transmission Line, and between Cooper Nuclear Station and the Tamora Substation; and

WHEREAS, Unite Private Networks (Unite), a private communications company, has excess fiber available for purchase that can address the District’s requirements outlined above; and

WHEREAS, Unite has also expressed a desire to purchase two fibers from the District to enhance their system; and

WHEREAS, as the result of negotiations between the entities, in addition to the sale of two fibers, totaling 907.34 fiber miles, from the District to Unite, Unite agrees to sell four fibers, totaling 905.08 fiber miles, to the District; and

WHEREAS, both entities have agreed that the cost of each fiber optic segment totals \$385,619.50, resulting in equal payment to and from both companies for the transfer of ownership of fibers; and

WHEREAS, both entities have agreed that each party will continue to maintain the fibers being sold to the other party, with some equipment needing to be installed in the other’s facility, to be maintained by the installing entity; and

WHEREAS, the District has additional capacity on its fiber optic network, and the sale of the two fibers will not adversely impact the District’s operations; and

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-19
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE THE
PURCHASE AND
SALE OF FIBER
OPTIC CABLE WITH
UNITE PRIVATE
NETWORKS**

WHEREAS, the purchase and sale of fibers between the entities is beneficial to both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that management of the District be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the necessary agreements for the purchase of 905.08 fiber miles from Unite, for the agreed price of \$385,619.50, and the sale of 907.34 fiber miles to Unite, for the agreed price of \$385,619.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreements will be presented to this Board for ratification after execution.

It was moved by Director Kennedy and seconded by Director Hoyt that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Christensen, Freeland, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-19 adopted.

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee also received highlights related to the following matters: 1) Energy Supply monthly generation performance; 2) Energy Supply look-ahead for May 2021; and 3) Water Supply.

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Committee met Thursday morning, April 8, 2021.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis presented financial performance measures for February 2021, as well as the monthly financial report, which indicated that operating revenues from electric sales were \$218.9 million over budget for the month, and \$215.2 million over budget year to date. Firm electric sales were \$6.9 million over budget for the month, and \$3.3 million over budget year to date. Other electric sales were \$212.0 million over budget for the month, and \$211.9 million over budget year to date. Total operating expenses were over budget by \$120.0 million for the month, and \$114.1 million over budget year to date. The balance of the regulatory liability for unearned revenues as of February 28, 2021, was \$284.6 million. This balance represents surplus net revenues to be applied as credits against revenue requirements in future rate periods.

CUSTOMER AND
SUPPORT SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT

FEBRUARY 2021
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Freelend that the February 2021 Financial Statements be accepted, as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Christensen, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Present But Not Voting: None
 Absent: Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Each year by May 1, NPPD's 2002 and new 2016 Wholesale Power Contracts require that NPPD report on several financial items to its customers. During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, Director of Finance and Financial Planning Donna K. Starzec presented this information to the Board prior to its distribution to customers.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, Controller and Financial Planning Manager Donna K. Starzec presented an update to the Board on 2020 performance of the CNS External Decommissioning Trust Fund, as required by the District's CNS Decommissioning Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Guidelines.

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 21-013, Multiple Large and Medium Power Transformers, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed the bids and recommended acceptance of a certain bid as the lowest and best evaluated bid, as per data filed with the Board; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of evidence and information received, and after an analysis of the responsibility of the bidders, amounts and terms of the bids, delivery dates, and the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that all the bids for Part 1 contained significant exceptions and are considered non-responsive, and the bid for Part 2 from Delta Star, Inc., Lynchburg, Virginia, is the lowest and best evaluated bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bids submitted for Part 1 on Contract No. 21-013 be and hereby are rejected, and that the bid security submitted by the bidders as evidence of good faith be returned to the bidders.

**MOTION (CARRIED):
ACCEPT
FEBRUARY 2021
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

2016 WHOLESALE
POWER
CONTRACT – MAY 1
REPORTING
UPDATE

2020 CNS EXTERNAL
DECOMMISSIONING
TRUST FUND
PERFORMANCE
UPDATE

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-20
(ADOPTED):
CONTRACT
NO. 21-013,
MULTIPLE LARGE
AND MEDIUM
TRANSFORMERS –
PART 1 (LARGE
EXTRA HIGH
VOLTAGE POWER
TRANSFORMERS),
REJECT BIDS AND
NEGOTIATE; PART 2
(MEDIUM HIGH
VOLTAGE
TRANSFORMERS)
AWARD TO DELTA
STAR, INC., BASE
BID PRICE OF
\$28,728,866**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized to negotiate with the vendors that provided a bid under this contract for the purchase of multiple large power transformers as contemplated in Part 1 of Contract No. 21-013, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, after review and approval by legal counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted under Part 2 of Contract No. 21-013 be accepted by the District:

Delta Star, Inc., Lynchburg, Virginia, base bid price of \$28,728,866.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or a Vice President be, and each of them is hereby authorized and instructed to execute for and on behalf of the District, a Contract with the aforementioned bidder for Part 2 of Contract No. 21-013 in accordance with the plans and specifications and on the form of Contract submitted to bidders.

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Troester that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Christensen, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-20 adopted.

The monthly Transmission Projects Update was included in the electronic file provided to the Board.

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-21

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is required to file a State Hazard Mitigation Plan (“State Plan”), which is a state and local mitigation plan for natural hazards, in compliance with the federal provisions of the Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000, and other rules and regulations. The State Plan requires communities to adopt hazard mitigation action plans to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

TRANSMISSION
PROJECTS UPDATE

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-21
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE NPPD
HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN
FOR SUBMITTAL TO
THE STATE OF
NEBRASKA IN THE
FORM OF AN ANNEX**

WHEREAS, as part of the State Plan, public power districts as independent entities, must prepare an Annex which contains the public power district's own hazard mitigation plan, and the Annex is attached to, and included in, the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the District's mitigation plan is to lessen the effects and potential impacts of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the District's transmission, distribution, operations and support facilities used in the District's operations, by identifying various hazards that affect the District's facilities, and prioritizing mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the District's Hazard Mitigation Plan which is an Annex to the State Plan must be submitted to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and then approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") in order that such Plan can be approved by FEMA and the District can apply for any Hazard Mitigation Grants available through FEMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby approves and adopts, in its entirety, the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by management which will be attached to the State Plan in the form of an Annex. The District's Annex to the 2021 Nebraska Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will be in effect until January 29, 2026.

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Kennedy that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:	Chlopek, Christensen, Freeland, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	Johnson

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-21 adopted.

In accordance with the Political Subdivision Self-Funding Benefits Act, the Board of Directors must approve an annual report showing the beginning balance, deposits and expenses, and actuarially determined reserve needed to be maintained in the NPPD Hospital-Medical Plan (Plan). Benefits Manager Brenda M. Sanne reviewed the 2020 Plan income and expense summaries for NPPD's active plans and Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plans.

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Williams that the Board approve the 2020 NPPD Hospital-Medical Benefit Plan Annual Report, as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

**MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE 2020
HOSPITAL-MEDICAL
PLAN ANNUAL**

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Christensen, Freelend, Harding, Hoyt, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Present But Not Voting: None
 Absent: Johnson

REPORT

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) 2016 and 2002 Wholesale Power Contract – May 1 Reporting requirement; 2) 2018 CNS External Decommissioning Trust Fund performance; 3) Retail Business Unit performance; 4) Customer Services and Delivery look-ahead for May 2021; and 5) 2020 Safety summary and awards.

CUSTOMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Thompson, Chair of the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee met Wednesday, March 30, 2021, via Teams. Items of discussion included: 1) A historical overview of the Board Governance Policies for the newer members of the Board; 2) A review of the District’s decarbonization efforts to date; 3) Beginning development of Strategic Directive SD-05, Sustainable Energy/Generation Strategies, including discussion of draft language, timeline, and process for gathering input (including deliberative polling and public meetings); 4) NPPD vision statement; and 5) Draft “Excellence in NPPD Governance” reference card.

BOARD GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Harding asked that the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee consider the District’s need for an Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) Policy Statement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
1:37 P.M.**

Minutes approved at the meeting of May 12-13, 2021

_____/s/_____
 Mary A. Harding, Chair

_____/s/_____
 Edward J. Schrock, Secretary

**REPORT ON RETIREMENTS AND
FORMER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REHIRES
APRIL 2021 BOARD MEETING**

RETIREMENTS

1. Dale L. Miksch, Drafter, General Office, Columbus, was employed March 12, 2007, and is retiring as of April 16, 2021.
2. Gary L. Pfeiffer, Senior Substation Technician, Operations Center, Norfolk, was employed March 16, 1978, and is retiring as of April 18, 2021.
3. Garland R. Schafer, Armed Security Officer, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed January 4, 2010, and is retiring as of June 10, 2021.
4. Lawrence R. Bomberger, Senior Chemistry Technician, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed December 16, 1980, and is retiring as of June 30, 2021.
5. Janet M. Lynch, Administrative Assistant, Operations Center, York, was employed June 22, 1987, and is retiring as of June 30, 2021.
6. Roger A. Engler, Planner/Scheduler – Delivery, McCook, was employed April 3, 1989, and is retiring as of July 14, 2021.

REHIRES

In accordance with the Board motion approved in February 1988, employees reemployed by the District within one year of their termination date (Including those rehired directly or indirectly as a consultant) require approval of the President. Pursuant to that Board motion, Mr. Kent has approved this rehire:

Traci Bender was hired on September 4, 1990, and retired from her position as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on March 31, 2021. Traci will be rehired as a Special Assistant to the CEO at Columbus, effective April 1, 2021.