

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13-14, 2021

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District was held at the Columbus General Office, Columbus, Nebraska, beginning at 3:08 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

In compliance with state law, legal notice announcing the date, hours, location and availability of the agenda for the meeting was published on the District’s corporate website, nppd.com, and also in the following newspapers on or about October 7, 2021:

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLISHED PRIOR
TO THE MEETING

- (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.

This notice was also e-mailed to each member of the Board of Directors.

Chair Harding called the regular meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, and directed the roll be called:

ROLL CALL,
3:08 P.M.,
OCTOBER 13, 2021

Present: Jerry L. Chlopek, Melissa S. Freelend, Mary A. Harding, Bill C. Hoyt, William D. Johnson, Edward J. Schrock, Gary G. Thompson, Aaron D. Troester, Wayne E. Williams

Absent: Fred L. Christensen, Charlie C. Kennedy

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
POSTING OF OPEN
MEETINGS ACT AND
AGENDA

Vice President and Chief Information Officer Robyn A. Tweedy announced that NPPD had been recognized with an SAP Industry Innovation Award as Utility of the Year.

Vice President of Customer Service and Chief Customer Officer Kendall B. Curry informed the Board that NPPD President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent had been honored by the Rocky Mountain

Electrical League and selected to receive their Distinguished Leadership Award.

An employment settlement and release, and a worker’s compensation settlement agreement, all with Darrell Lisec were disclosed on the Board agenda as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-713.

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Chlopek that the Board go into Executive Session at 3:17 p.m. to protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, security matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

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

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Chair Harding announced the executive session was ended at 4:18 p.m., during which nothing was discussed beyond the items declared: competitive and proprietary information, security matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

The meeting was recessed at 4:18 p.m., to reconvene on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

OCTOBER 14, 2021

Chair Harding called the regular meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021, and directed the roll to be called:

Present:	Jerry L. Chlopek, Melissa S. Freelend, Mary A. Harding, Bill C. Hoyt, William D. Johnson, Charlie C. Kennedy, Edward J. Schrock, Gary G. Thompson, Aaron D. Troester
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Absent:	Fred L. Christensen, Wayne E. Williams
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constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Directors Christensen and Williams entered the meeting shortly after roll call.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

MOTION (CARRIED): GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:17 P.M. TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST, DISCUSS COMPETITIVE AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, SECURITY MATTERS, PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 4:18 P.M.

MEETING RECESSED AT 4:18 P.M.

ROLL CALL, 9:19 A.M., OCTOBER 14, 2021

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND AGENDA

Guests at the meeting included Darin Bloomquist, Nebraska Electric G&T; Jon Dockhorn, Burt County Public Power District; Mark Kirby, Butler Public Power District; Chet McWhorter, Cuming County Public Power District; Dirk Dietz, Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District; Bob Beatty, KBR Rural Public Power District; Matt Fritz, Niobrara Valley EMC; Doyle Hazen, North Central Public Power District; Chelsea Johnson, Nebraska Conservation Voters; and Kat Woerner.

GUESTS WELCOMED TO MEETING

Economic Development Manager Nicole J. Sedlacek provided the annual review of Strategic Directive BP-SD-08, Economic Development, which included an overview of Economic Development Department staff and mission, services provided, regional and state activities and initiatives, and recent site development and recruiting projects.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BP-SD-08, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Vice President of Energy Delivery Arthur R. Wiese introduced preliminary plans regarding a 4,000 MW high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line being proposed by Power from the Prairie (PftP), a limited liability company designed to be an incubator for interregional HVDC transmission and grid-level, long duration energy storage projects with multiple and diverse participants.

POWER FROM THE PRAIRIE (PftP) PROJECT UPDATE

NPPD is considering participation in a Concept Development Study with PftP for an HVDC transmission line extending from western Wyoming into Iowa, crossing Nebraska or South Dakota. A non-binding Expression of Interest would be submitted by NPPD to PftP to learn more about the concept and the project; any decision regarding NPPD's participation in the project would come at a later date based on the results of and learnings from the Concept Development Study.

During the time designated for public comments, Kat Woerner of Plattsmouth addressed the Board and encouraged the District to set a decarbonization/sustainable energy timeline goal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rod McCullum of the Nuclear Energy Institute made a presentation entitled "State of the Industry and Management of Used Nuclear Fuel". His presentation focused on the current state of the nuclear industry and advanced nuclear technologies for future carbon-free generation, and management, storage and disposal of used nuclear fuel.

STATE OF THE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL

Kristen Gottschalk reviewed the upcoming Nebraska Advanced Nuclear Forum, an educational forum to review advanced nuclear technologies, scheduled for October 21 in Lincoln.

NEBRASKA ADVANCED NUCLEAR FORUM UPDATE

A recess was taken from 10:51 to 11:00 a.m.

RECESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of September 8-9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- December 2021 Regular Board Meeting Scheduled for December 8-9, 2021, in Columbus (Board Retreat Scheduled for November 3-4, 2021, in Nebraska City; November 2021 Regular Board Meeting Previously Scheduled for November 9-10, 2021, in Columbus)
- Ratification/Confirmation of Signatures of Staff Members
- August 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 Johnson and seconded by Director Freelend that all items on the consent agenda be approved as listed above. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

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

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

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent recognized several timely events including Public Power Week/Month, Nebraska Manufacturing Month, Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Nuclear Sciences Week, Careers in Energy Week, and agriculture/harvest safety messaging, all which have kept the Corporate Communications and Media staff very busy during the month. Mr. Kent also introduced another video spot as part of the "Powering Your Everyday, Every Day" advertising campaign, a video featuring Board Chair Mary Harding with comments on public power, local control, accountability, and her role as Chair.

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

REPORT ON THIRD
QUARTER 2021
PERFORMANCE

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

EMPLOYEE
COUNTS,
RETIREMENTS AND

Assistant Secretary and attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Kent introduced retirees Scotty Andreasen, Bob Champlin, and Rita Trofholz, who were in attendance.

REQUIRES FOR
OCTOBER 2021

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-40

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-40
(ADOPTED):
RECOGNIZE
OGALLALA CITY
MANAGER BRUCE
SMITH**

WHEREAS, Bruce Smith, City Manager for the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, has well and faithfully served the public and the community of Ogallala since August 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Smith began his service with the City of Ogallala in 2011 as City Manager and has been actively involved in various Nebraska Public Power District retail customer committees and corporate strategic planning processes, as well as serving as Chairman of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Board of Directors. Prior to his service to the City of Ogallala Bruce served the cities of Kimball and Seward as City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Smith worked tirelessly with the Keith County Area Development Agency to create a plan for utilizing a portion of sales tax proceeds to create new jobs, retain existing jobs, expand the area labor market, attract new capital investment, broaden the tax base, and provide economic diversification to ensure economic stability and vitality for the City of Ogallala and surrounding areas for years to come. He also led the city's fund-raising efforts to build a new community library in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogallala and Nebraska Public Power District have fostered an excellent working relationship, partnering to strengthen public power in Nebraska, due in part to the character, leadership, and professionalism embodied by Bruce Smith; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Smith will retire on October 18, 2021, from his current position as City Manager at the City of Ogallala, after having faithfully served the City of Ogallala for over 6 years, during which time he laid the foundation for a successful transition by his dedication and commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, on behalf of all the employees of Nebraska Public Power District and the people in Nebraska who it serves, hereby commends Bruce Smith for his extraordinary character, commitment to excellence and loyalty to the community of the City of Ogallala; expresses its thanks for creating an outstanding model for management; conveys its appreciation for the friendship shown to NPPD and its employees; and finally, expresses its sincere wish that Bruce enjoy the retirement to which his years of successful service entitle him.

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

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

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-40 adopted.

Following presentation of the framed resolution, Mr. Smith addressed the Board and expressed his enjoyment for having had the opportunity to be part of public power during his career.

Pricing, Rates and Wholesale Billing Manager Todd S. Swartz reviewed proposed changes to NPPD's wholesale and retail interruptible rates, and recommended the following two resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-41

WHEREAS, the District has developed a wholesale Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule which includes rates, charges, and billing provisions to provide interruptible service to wholesale customers that serve qualifying end-use customers with the ability to curtail energy usage upon notification by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have prepared and proposed revisions to said wholesale Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule to incorporate changes as a result of lessons learned from the winter storm event that occurred in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule was mailed on August 30, 2021 to the wholesale power service customers of the District that are eligible to take service under said Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule and said wholesale customers were provided 30 days to request a hearing pertaining to said proposed Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, hearing requests were due September 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, none of said wholesale customers requested a hearing pertaining to said proposed Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule; and

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-41
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
REVISIONS TO
WHOLESALE LARGE
CUSTOMER
INTERRUPTIBLE
RATE SCHEDULE
(SPECIAL POWER
PRODUCT NO. 8),
EFFECTIVE 11-1-21**

WHEREAS, management has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, charges, terms, conditions, and specifications for service in said proposed Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares pursuant to Section 70-655 Nebraska Revised Statutes that said proposed Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule referred to above and incorporated into this resolution by reference is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the wholesale users and consumers of wholesale power commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule is hereby fixed, established, approved, and adopted by this Board of Directors to be effective for service provided on and after November 1, 2021, and that the Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule established by Resolution No. 19-68 and issued December 18, 2019, shall be rescinded and superseded upon said Large Customer Interruptible Rate Schedule becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Chlopek 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, Johnson, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	None

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-41 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-42

WHEREAS, the District has developed a retail Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule which contains rates, charges, and billing provisions that allow qualifying retail customers the opportunity to operate in a more efficient manner and increase the District's ability to better manage its peak demand and lower its energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have prepared and proposed revisions to said retail Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule to incorporate changes as a

**RESOLUTION
NO. 21-42
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
REVISIONS TO
RETAIL
INTERRUPTIBLE
SERVICE RIDER
RATE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE 11-1-21**

result of lessons learned from the winter storm event that occurred in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, management has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, charges, terms, conditions, and specifications for service in said proposed Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares, pursuant to Section 70-655 Nebraska Revised Statutes, that said proposed Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule referred to above and incorporated into this Resolution by reference, is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the users and consumers of commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule is hereby fixed, established, approved and adopted by this Board of Directors to be effective for service provided on and after November 1, 2021, and that the Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule adopted by Resolution No. 20-48 and issued on December 16, 2020, shall be rescinded and superseded upon said Interruptible Service Rider Rate Schedule becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Schrock 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, Johnson, Kennedy, Schrock, Thompson, Troester, Williams
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Present But Not Voting:	None
Absent:	None

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-42 adopted.

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Laura L. Kapustka, and Pricing, Rates and Wholesale Billing Manager Todd S. Swartz presented information on the Wholesale Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) proposal for 2022. The presentation included a review of how the projected \$200 million (estimated) surplus for 2021 could provide opportunity to deliver long- and short-term benefits to NPPD customers; comments from customers regarding proposed uses of the 2021 surplus; a comparison of options for use of the 2021 surplus and PCA options; and review of a proposed schedule for approval of the 2022 PCA.

WHOLESALE PCA
PROPOSAL FOR
2022

A 2022 PCA proposal will be issued to wholesale customers on October 20, to include the one-year refund of the remaining funds in the production Rate Stabilization Account (RSA) in excess of the 10% accumulation limit as of the end of the year 2020 (\$10.7 million), plus an advance refund of a portion of the projected current-year 2021 surplus (\$63.5 million), resulting in a proposed refund of approximately \$74.2 million to customers through a PCA rate over the 12-month period of February 2022 to January 2023. The resulting proposed 2022 PCA factor is \$(0.006196)/kWh, which is identical to the current 2021 PCA factor. Maintaining the current PCA factor for 2022 was a request NPPD received from several wholesale customers.

The 2016 Wholesale Power Contract (WPC) requires that the remaining \$10.7 million in excess 2020 RSA funds be returned to customers through 2022 rates, which would be a substantial reduction from the current 2021 PCA refund of approximately \$73.2 million. NPPD is projecting to realize a nontypical, significant surplus in 2021, and several wholesale customers requested that NPPD take this into account and consider smoothing out the PCA refund in 2022 to avoid an abrupt reduction in the credit and the resulting impact this would have on customers' wholesale power bills. As a result of this input, NPPD's 2022 PCA proposal includes advance refunding a portion of the expected 2021 surplus in 2022 through the PCA rate, rather than waiting to return it in 2023 as provided for in the WPC. This will result in any PCA refund in 2023 being lower than it otherwise would have been by the amount of this advance refunding, however it is anticipated that the 2022 PCA proposal will lead to more gradual and less abrupt changes in the PCA credit over the next several years.

The NPPD Board will be asked to consider recommended changes to wholesale rates at the December 2021 meeting, including the proposed 2022 PCA and, if approved, would become effective February 1, 2022.

Nebraska Electric G&T General Manager Darin Bloomquist provided comment on the proposed wholesale PCA for 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A lunch recess was taken from 11:59 a.m. to 1:01 p.m.

LUNCH RECESS

Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure provided an update on legislative and governmental matters at the state and federal levels.

GOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS UPDATE

During the time designated for Directors' comments and questions, Director Johnson discussed a recent Management Review Meeting (MRM) at CNS, and two virtual meetings with customers to discuss the 2022 PCA; Director Williams commented on a tour of the Doniphan Control Center; Director Harding attended an all-hands meeting at CNS, followed by a plant tour.

DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS

The Nuclear Committee of the Whole, chaired by Director Johnson, met Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 1:28 to 2:02 p.m. during the Board of Directors meeting. Safety Review and Audit Board (SRAB) Chairman Tim Mitchell provided a SRAB update to the Board, and Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer John A. Dent, Jr., gave a status update regarding Cooper Nuclear Station.

NUCLEAR
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Director Kennedy, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee met Thursday morning, October 14, 2021, and received highlights related to the following matters: 1) Energy Supply monthly generation performance; 2) Energy Supply look-ahead for November 2021; 3) Preliminary 2022 Storage Water and Irrigation Rate Recommendations; and 4) Water Supply.

ENERGY SUPPLY
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Committee met Thursday morning, October 14, 2021.

CUSTOMER AND
SUPPORT SERVICES
COMMITTEE

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis presented financial performance measures for August 2021, as well as the monthly financial report, which indicated that operating revenues from electric sales were \$3.9 million over budget for the month, and \$236.7 million over budget year to date. Firm electric sales were \$8.6 million over budget for the month, and \$26.4 million over budget year to date. Other electric sales were \$4.7 million under budget for the month, and \$210.3 million over budget year to date. Total operating expenses were over budget by \$3.6 million for the month, and \$82.5 million over budget year to date. The balance of the regulatory liability for unearned revenues as of August 31, 2021, was \$293.0 million. This balance represents surplus net revenues to be applied as credits against revenue requirements in future rate periods.

AUGUST 2021
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

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

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

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

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis also shared preliminary financial results for September 2021, reporting that the District realized a \$47.8 million surplus, which brought the year-to-date surplus through September 2021 to \$191.2 million.

PRELIMINARY
FINANCIAL RESULTS
FOR
SEPTEMBER 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 21-016, Substation Control Buildings, 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 the bid of Trachte, LLC, Oregon, Wisconsin, for Part I is the lowest and best evaluated bid on Contract No. 21-016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted for Contract No. 21-016 be accepted by the District:

Trachte, LLC, Oregon, Wisconsin, Part I, firm base bid price of \$703,328.

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 for Part I with the aforementioned bidder in accordance with the plans and specifications and on the form of Contract submitted to bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the Contract is contingent upon receipt and approval by the District of a performance bond and certificate of insurance from Trachte, LLC, as provided in the Contract.

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

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

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 21-43 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-43 (ADOPTED): ACTION ON CONTRACT NO. 21-016, SUBSTATION CONTROL BUILDINGS (OLIVE CREEK SUBSTATION): PART I, AWARD TO TRACHTE, LLC, FIRM BASE BID PRICE OF \$703,328; PART II, AUTHORIZE MANAGEMENT TO SOLICIT BIDS AND BRING A CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION

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

TRANSMISSION
PROJECTS UPDATE

Benefits Manager Brenda M. Sanne presented management's proposed Employee Benefit Plan, and outlined the following recommendations for 2022: 1) Increase hospital/medical plan premiums by 6.9% (employee share of the increase 2.5%); 2) Increase dental plan premiums by 1%; and 3) Lower employee premiums in select voluntary benefits by changing from individual to group policies for short-term disability and personal accident plan, upgrade individual cancer policy to group critical illness plan and add a group hospital indemnity plan.

It was moved by Director Chlopek and seconded by Director Hoyt to approve the 2022 Employee Benefit Plan changes, as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

**MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE 2022
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
PLAN CHANGES**

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

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director of Finance and Financial Planning Donna K. Starzec reviewed the results of the 2021 Series C and Series D Bond sale, which included a principal amount of \$137.2 million and a net present value savings of approximately 29%. Of approximately \$256 million of bonds callable on January 1, 2022, \$126.7 million was refunded with the 2021 Series C bonds, and \$35.6 million with 2021 Series D bonds. In addition, \$93.9 million was refunded with the District's tax-exempt revolving credit agreement.

2021 SERIES C AND
SERIES D BOND
SALE UPDATE

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) 2021 Series C and Series D Bond sale; 2) July 2021 Storm Restoration Procurements; 3) Customer Services and Delivery look-ahead for November; 4) Annual review of District Identity Theft Prevention Program Procedure; and 5) Retail Business Unit performance.

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 morning, October 13, 2021. Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Innovation Timothy J. Arlt reviewed final proposed changes to Strategic Directive BP-SD-03, Reliability, to be presented to the full Board for review on October 14, and action by the Board in November.

BOARD
GOVERNANCE AND
STRATEGIC
PLANNING
COMMITTEE
REPORT

The Committee reviewed and discussed a draft agenda for the November 3-4 Strategic Retreat, to be held in Nebraska City.

Chief Audit and Ethics Officer Conrad L. Saltzgaber discussed the recent sustainable carbon emissions reduction public outreach sessions and provided an update on the reports from The MSR Group and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) summarizing and analyzing the survey responses.

The Committee also discussed the most recent draft of Strategic Directive BP-SD-05, Carbon Emissions Reductions, which will be a topic of discussion at the November 3-4 Retreat.

Director of Finance and Financial Planning Donna K. Starzec presented a summary of the preliminary 2022 Revenue and Expense, and Capital Projects Budgets. The President and Chief Executive Officer and other members of the senior management team provided the details of their respective area's 2022 proposed budgets with the Committee. The proposed budget reflected an overall 0% change in wholesale base rates, and a one-year Production Cost Adjustment (PCA), returning \$10.7 million to customers. This PCA is subject to change as a result of ongoing discussions with wholesale customers and NPPD's Board of Directors. If a change is needed, information will be updated and presented to the NPPD Board before final budget approval. With regard to retail rates, no overall base rate increase is planned for 2022, and a one-year PCA returning \$7.5 million to customers. The 2022 budget will be presented to the full board for their consideration of approval in November.

BUDGET
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Director Schrock, Chair of the Chartered Territory (Ad Hoc) Committee, reported that the Chartered Territory (Ad Hoc) Committee met virtually on Friday, September 24, and reviewed two maps developed by staff outlining potential new subdivision boundaries, taking into consideration updated population figures from the 2020 census and removal of those areas no longer served by NPPD. Based on the current census data and an assumption of 11 NPPD subdivisions, a population of roughly 49,000 is desired for each of the director subdivisions, and both maps resulted in substantially equal population for the individual subdivisions.

CHARTERED
TERRITORY (AD
HOC) COMMITTEE
REPORT

The Chartered Territory (Ad Hoc) Committee also met Thursday morning, October 14, in conjunction with the regular Board meeting. Two new maps were reviewed and following discussion, the Chartered Territory (Ad Hoc) Committee agreed to recommend one of the maps for formal action by the Board in November, which would then be submitted to the Power Review Board and be in place for the 2022 election.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
2:52 P.M.

Minutes approved at
the meeting of
November 9-10, 2021

_____/s/_____
Mary A. Harding, Chair

_____/s/_____
Edward J. Schrock, Secretary

**REPORT ON RETIREMENTS AND
FORMER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REHIRS
SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING**

RETIREMENTS

1. Scotty D. Andreasen, Transmission and Distribution Asset Management Specialist, General Office, Columbus, was employed January 14, 1980, and retired as of September 30, 2021.
2. Cynthia J. Wickizer, Engineering Technician II – Production, Gerald Gentleman Station, Sutherland, was employed October 25, 1989, and is retiring as of October 28, 2021.
3. Anthony R. Edwards, Journey Substation Technician, Ogallala, was employed July 2, 1979, and is retiring as of October 31, 2021.
4. David W. Webb, Director of Technology Integration, General Office, Columbus, was employed August 9, 2004, and is retiring as of October 31, 2021.
5. Merlin D. Nielson, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed July 1, 1981, and is retiring as of December 2, 2021.
6. Robert D. Champlin, Engineer IV, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed May 29, 1985, and is retiring as of December 31, 2021.
7. Rita K. Trofholz, Economic Development Marketing Specialist, General Office, Columbus, was employed August 17, 1996, and is retiring as of December 31, 2021.

REHIRS

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:

Branch DeVries was hired on July 16, 1983, and retired from the position of Substation Supervisor at Lincoln on June 9, 2021. Branch will be rehired as a Part-Time Inspector at Lincoln effective October 18, 2021.