# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2023

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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 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

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 September 7, 2023:

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

Chair Chlopek called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and directed the roll be called:

ROLL CALL, 12:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Present:

Directors.

Jerry L. Chlopek, Sue D. Fuchtman, David D. Gale, Mary A. Harding, Rusty M. Kemp, Chris R. Langemeier, Ronald J. Mogul, Jr., Derek S. Rusher, Edward J. Schrock, Wayne E. Williams

Absent:

Aaron D. Troester

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND AGENDA

Guests at the meeting included Matt Fritz, Niobrara Valley

**GUESTS** 

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President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided an update on safety and system operations.

REPORT ON SYSTEM AND SAFETY STATUS

Wayne Fox, Principal – Operations Risk Management for dss+, North America, presented results of NPPD's 2023 Safety Perception Survey. Mr. Fox has been working with NPPD since 2017 to provide guidance as NPPD looks to continuously improve its safety culture. Since 2017, NPPD has progressed from a safety perception based on external motivation and focused on compliance, "I follow rules because I have to", to a safety culture based on internal motivation and focused on commitment, "I follow rules because I want to".

REVIEW OF SAFETY PERCEPTION SURVEY RESULTS

Key strengths identified in this year's survey included:

- Continuous improvement across the District;
- Presence of safety values;
- Safety meeting attendance;
- Incident investigation thoroughness;
- Safety sites and equipment; and
- Empowerment to speak up.

Key opportunities identified included:

- The priority placed on safety at NPPD (26%);
- Belief in prevention of all injuries;
- Involvement and engagement of all employees;
- Recognition for achievements is low;
- Level of safety training; and
- Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) exposure.

It was moved by Director Schrock and seconded by Director Rusher that the Board go into Executive Session at 1:01 p.m. to protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried and restated the purpose of the Executive Session: to protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

Chair Chlopek announced the executive session was ended at 2:48 p.m., during which nothing was discussed beyond the items declared: competitive and proprietary information, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

MOTION (CARRIED):
GO INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT
1:01 P.M. TO
PROTECT THE
PUBLIC INTEREST,
DISCUSS
COMPETITIVE AND
PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION,
PENDING AND
POTENTIAL
LITIGATION, AND
RECEIVE LEGAL
ADVICE

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 2:48 P.M. The meeting was recessed at 2:49 p.m., to reconvene on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Columbus General Office.

MEETING RECESSED AT 2:49 P.M.

Following, the NPPD Board of Directors met with the Nebraska Electric G&T Board of Directors at NPPD's General Office to discuss industry issues. The combined boards meeting was called to order at approximately 3:42 p.m., and adjourned at approximately 5:07 p.m. Directors Gale and Troester were absent from the combined boards meeting.

MEETING WITH NEBRASKA ELECTRIC G&T BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

Chair Chlopek called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023, and directed the roll to be called:

ROLL CALL, 7:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Present:

Jerry L. Chlopek, Sue D. Fuchtman, David D. Gale, Mary A. Harding, Rusty M. Kemp, Chris L. Langemeier, Ronald J. Mogul, Jr., Derek S. Rusher, Edward J. Schrock, Wayne E. Williams

Absent:

Aaron D. Troester

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND AGENDA

Guests at the meeting included Neal Niedfeldt, Southern Power District; and Marlin Seeman, City of Aurora.

GUESTS WELCOMED TO MEETING

Economic Development Manager Nicole J. Sedlacek provided the annual report of Strategic Directive BP-SD-08, Economic Development, which included an overview of Economic Development Department staff and mission. Ms. Sedlacek also reviewed the District's efforts to support the Strategic Directive's goals and help retain, grow and recruit industrial and commercial customers, including products and services provided by NPPD's Economic Development staff, association with regional and state agencies, recent site development and recruiting projects, and the impact of NPPD's rates Economic Development's success.

REPORT ON BP-SD-08, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During the time designated for public comments, NPPD Director of General Strategies and Research John H. Swanson introduced Kevin Lauzze and Wayshalee Patel of Sargent & Lundy, who have been working with NPPD on several projects.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

Utility Scale Alternative Energy Manager Jon M. Sunneberg introduced several entities sponsoring the 2023 Wells Fargo Nebraska Open who addressed the Board and provided updates on renewable projects, including: Molly Brown, GenPro Energy Solutions; Heidi Aschbacher, Invenergy; Zach Siegel, NextEra Energy Resources; and Will Fischer and Christiana Ivanova, Pine Gate Renewables.

Kristen Gottschalk, representing the Advanced Nuclear Coalition, discussed the Nebraska Advanced Nuclear Forum and shared appreciation to NPPD for support of the Coalition and past sponsorship forums.

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

- Minutes of August 9-10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- November 2023 Regular Board Meeting scheduled for November 8-9, 2023, in Columbus (October 2023 Regular Board Meeting previously scheduled for October 11-12, 2023, in Columbus; Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Public Hearing previously scheduled for October 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m. CDT, in Columbus; Board Strategic Planning Retreat previously scheduled for October 26-27, 2023, in Nebraska City)
- Ratification/Confirmation of Signatures of Staff Members
- July 2023 Summary of Disbursements

Chair Chlopek 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 Schrock and seconded by Director Harding that all items on the consent agenda be approved as listed above. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** 

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA President and Chief Executive Officer shared photos from a recent trade mission trip to Japan and Korea. Mr. Kent and Vice President of External Affairs and Customer Service and Chief Customer Officer Courtney A. Dentlinger were included in the group that represented the state, at the request of Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen.

TRADE MISSION TRIP TO JAPAN AND KOREA

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.

EMPLOYEE COUNTS, RETIREMENTS AND REHIRES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Resource Planning and Risk Manager James R. Fehr presented NPPD's final 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for the Board's consideration. Mr. Fehr briefly reviewed changes and comments/ communications that occurred since a presentation made to the Board in August, and provided a high-level recap of the action items as outlined within the 30-year IRP document.

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE 2023 IRP

It was moved by Director Mogul and seconded by Director Williams to approve NPPD's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan Report and submit to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-39**

WHEREAS, Neal Niedfeldt, Southern Public Power District (SPPD) General Manager, has well and faithfully served the public and the electric industry in Nebraska for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Neal began his career as a Certified Public Accountant for KPMG Peat Marwick in 1979, was named the Finance Director of Norris Public Power District in 1983 and served as the Assistant General Manager – Chief Financial Officer from 1987 to 2008. In 2008 Neal accepted the position of City Administrator and Public Works General Manager with the City of Beatrice; and

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-41
(ADOPTED):
RECOGNIZE
SOUTHERN POWER
DISTRICT GENERAL
MANAGER NEAL
NIEDFELDT

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2012, Neal was named President and CEO of Southern Public Power District, and has dedicated himself to ensuring the safe and reliable provision of competitively priced electricity, exceptional customer service, and innovative energy solutions to SPPD customers; and

WHEREAS, Southern Public Power District 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 Neal Niedfeldt and his years of service to the electric utility industry. Neal has successfully navigated numerous challenges and opportunities, including completing the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Management Internship Program which trains leaders for the electric industry. From 1997 to 2020, Neal was a member of the NPPD Realignment Transition Committee, a subcommittee of the NPPD Future Strategies project responsible for the costing of facilities and customers transferred to wholesale customers. During Neal's tenure with the City of Beatrice and Southern PPD, he was a member of the NPPD Wholesale Rate Committee and Power Resource Advisory Board. Neal also served on NPPD's Customer Voice and Competitive Assessment Team in 2010 as part of NPPD's Strategic Planning Process. Neal served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Power Association from 2012 to 2023, serving as President in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Neal will officially retire on September 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, on behalf of its employees and the people in Nebraska whom it serves, expresses its sincere appreciation to Neal Niedfeldt by recognizing his selfless participation in so many of NPPD's past endeavors that made NPPD and public power better; for his extraordinary character, and for the friendship shown to NPPD, its Board of Directors, and its employees; and hereby expresses its sincere wish that Neal Niedfeldt enjoy the retirement to which his years of successful service entitle him.

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

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-41 adopted.

Following presentation of the framed resolution, Mr. Niedfeldt addressed the Board and commented on his public power career.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided a look-ahead of upcoming items for the October 2023 Board meeting.

Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure provided a brief update of legislative matters at the federal level.

A recess was taken from 8:51 to 9:03 a.m.

During the time designated for Directors' comments and questions, Director Schrock Director Schrock provided an update on the agricultural economy; Director Mogul provided an update on his grandson and a recent medical emergency, and emphasized the need to perform drills and exercises to ensure preparation.

The Nuclear Committee of the Whole, chaired by Director Williams, met Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 9:05 to 9:12 .m. during the Board of Directors meeting. Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer John A. Dent, Jr., provided a status update regarding Cooper Nuclear Station.

Director Harding, First Vice Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee met Wednesday morning, September 13, 2023.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Production Arthur R. Wiese reviewed Contract No. 23-016, Unit 2 Boiler Tube Floor and Lower Sidewall Replacement (Sheldon Station). Director Harding, First Vice Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-42**

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-016, Unit 2 Boiler Tube Floor and Lower Sidewall Replacement for Sheldon Station, 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 Total-Western, Inc., Paramount, California, is the lowest and best evaluated bid on Contract No. 23-016.

BOARD AGENDA LOOK-AHEAD

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

RECESS

DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS AND
QUESTIONS

NUCLEAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ENERGY SUPPLY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-42
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-016, UNIT 2
BOILER TUBE
FLOOR AND LOWER
SIDEWALL
REPLACEMENT
(SHELDON
STATION), TO
TOTAL-WESTERN,
INC., FIRM BASE BID
PRICE OF
\$1,841,237.41

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 on Contract No. 23-016 be accepted by the District:

Total-Western, Inc., Paramount, California, firm base bid price of \$1,841,237.41.

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 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 certification of insurance from Total-Western, Inc., as provided in the Contract.

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

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-42 adopted.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Production Arthur R. Wiese reviewed Contract No. 23-023, Unit 2 Baghouse Filter Bag Replacement (Sheldon Station). Director Harding, First Vice Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-43**

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-023, Unit 2 Baghouse Filter Bag Replacement, Sheldon Station, 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

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-43
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-023, UNIT 2
BAGHOUSE FILTER
BAG REPLACEMENT
(SHELDON
STATION), TO
MICRONICS
ENGINEERED
FILTRATION GROUP,
INC., FIRM BASE BID

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 Micronics Engineered Filtration Group, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the lowest and best evaluated bid on Contract No. 23-023.

PRICE OF \$650,639.36

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond as herein provided, the following bid submitted on Contract No. 23-023 be accepted by the District:

Micronics Engineered Filtration Group, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, firm base bid price of \$650,639.36.

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 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 from Micronics Engineered Filtration Group, Inc., as provided in the Contract.

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

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-43 adopted.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Production Arthur R. Wiese reviewed Contract No. 23-026, Electro-Mechanical Actuator Upgrade (Beatrice Power Station). Director Harding, First Vice Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-44**

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-026, Electro-Mechanical Actuator Upgrade, Beatrice Power Station, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

RESOLUTION NO. 23-44 (ADOPTED): REJECT BIDS RECEIVED FOR CONTRACT NO. 23-026, ELECTRO- WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed all the bids received and it was determined that the bids contained significant exceptions and are all considered non-responsive, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject all bids and negotiate a contract for the Electro-Mechanical Actuator Upgrade, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all bids submitted on Contract No. 23-026 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 either attended the prebid or provided a bid under this Contract for the Electro-Mechanical Actuator Upgrade, as contemplated in Contract No. 23-026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,231,000, after review and approval by legal counsel.

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

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-44 adopted.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Corporate Technology Applications Manager Christopher J. Pelchat reviewed a four-year agreement renewal with Concur Technologies, Inc. (SAP Concur) for licenses maintenance services for the District's expense reporting and travel software.

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Fuchtman to approve the Request for Approval of Procurements for Services, Equipment and/or Materials for Items \$500,000 and Above (Enterprise Technology), as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

MECHANICAL ACTUATOR UPGRADE (BPS), AND AUTHORIZE MANAGEMENT TO NEGOTIATE

MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCUREMENTS
FOR SERVICES,
EQUIPMENT AND/OR
MATERIALS FOR
ITEMS \$500,000 AND
ABOVE
(ENTERPRISE
TECHNOLOGY)

Director Harding, First Vice Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) Energy Supply monthly generation performance; 2) Energy Supply look-ahead for October 2023; 3) Generating capacity addition; and 4) Water supply.

**ENERGY SUPPLY** COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Services Committee met Wednesday morning, September 13, 2023.

**CUSTOMER AND** SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis presented financial performance measures for July 2023, as well as the monthly financial report, which indicated that operating revenues from electric sales were \$4.0 million over budget for the month, and \$21.8 million over budget year to date. Firm electric sales were \$5.0 million under budget for the month, and \$2.2 million under budget year to date. Other electric sales were \$9.0 million over budget for the month, and \$24.0 million over budget year to date. Total operating expenses were under budget by \$0.9 million for the month, and \$18.8 million under budget year to date. The balance of the regulatory liability for unearned revenues as of July 31, 2023, was \$273.9 million. This balance represents surplus net revenues to be applied as credits against revenue requirements in future rate periods.

**JULY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Director Langemeier to accept the July 2023 Financial Statements, as

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None Absent: Troester

**MOTION (CARRIED):** ACCEPT JULY 2023 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis also shared preliminary financial results for August, reporting a surplus of \$7.2 million for the month and a preliminary year-to-date surplus of \$58 million.

**PRELIMINARY** FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2023

During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott R. Walz reviewed the following Capital Projects Report:

Report No. ED-1

Capital Projects \$500,000 and above not specifically identified in the Budget that require approval by the Board for the period August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023 - 2023 Capital Additions Budget.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Harding that Capital Projects Report No. ED-1 be approved for the period August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023, which included supplements for three capital projects associated with the Olive Creek Substation (Monolith): 1) Capital Project C/9437, Supplement No. 2, Olive Creek 345 kV Substation (345 kV Section); 2) Capital Project C/9440, Supplement No. 2, Olive Creek 345 kV Substation (115 kV Section); and 3) Capital Project C/9853, Supplement No. 1, Olive Creek 34.5 kV Section. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

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

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott R. Walz reviewed a contract with Aspen Equipment LLC, for the purchase of up to six cab and chassis with insulated articulating telescoping material handler.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Gale to approve the Request for Approval of Procurements for Services, Equipment and/or Materials for Items \$500,000 and Above (Human Resources and Corporate Services), as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Troester

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Services Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) Transmission Projects; 2) Energy Delivery look-ahead for October 2023; and 3) Retail Business Unit performance.

MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCUREMENTS
FOR SERVICES,
EQUIPMENT AND/OR
MATERIALS FOR
ITEMS \$500,000 AND
ABOVE (HUMAN
RESOURCES AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES)

CUSTOMER AND SUPPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT Director Williams, Chair of the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee met Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Topics of discussion included: 1) Draft agenda for the October 26-27 Board Strategic Planning Retreat; 2) Review of proposed revisions to Strategic Directive BP-SD-04, Cost Competitiveness; and 3) Annual review of Board-Staff Linkage Policies BP-BL-01, Board-President and Chief Executive Officer Relationship and Delegation; BP-BL-02, Board-Key Staff Relationships; BP-BL-03, District Policies Overview, including a minor wording change; and BP-BL-05, Unity of Control. The proposed changes to Strategic Directive BP-SD-04, Cost Competitiveness BP-BL-03, District Policies Overview will be brought to the Board for approval in October as part of the President's Report.

BOARD GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT 9:36 A.M.

	/s/
	Jerry L. Chlopek, Chair
Minutes approved at	·
he meeting of	/s/
October 11-12, 2023	Aaron D. Troester, Secretary

## REPORT ON RETIREMENTS AND FORMER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REHIRES SEPTEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING

None this month.

### **REHIRES**

None this month.