## MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT JULY 2, 2025

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An emergency virtual (Teams) meeting of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District was held Wednesday, July 2, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CDT, which included a connection to the Columbus General Office, Columbus, Nebraska.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Board an update with regard to storm damage experienced in central Nebraska during the early morning hours of June 30, and to request an emergency declaration for repair of Transmission Line TL 2304B, North Platte to Crooked Creek (near Lexington).

The following news media were notified on July 1, 2025, by electronic mail, of the subject matter, date, and hour of the emergency telephonic 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.

The Board of Directors, along with several other members of the media, all total requirements wholesale customers and community leaders of those towns served at retail by NPPD were notified of the meeting via e-mail.

Chair Chlopek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CDT and directed the roll be called:

Present: Jerry L. Chlopek, Sue D. Fuchtman, Mary A. Harding, Rob D.

Hinrichs, Rusty M. Kemp, Chris R. Langemeier, Ronald J. Mogul, Jr., Kirk D. Olson, Derek S. Rusher, Aaron D. Troester,

Wayne E. Williams

Absent: None

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel outlined the purpose of the emergency meeting, the statutes and requirements as related to emergency meetings, and the steps taken to notify the public and news media of the meeting.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. CDT, JULY 2, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE Executive President and Chief Operating Officer Michael J. Spencer provided an update on system and safety status.

Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott R. Walz provided details of the June 30 event that damaged approximately 7.6 miles of the North Platte to Crooked Creek 230 kV transmission line, with most of the damage occurring just north of Lexington, Nebraska. Mr. Walz stated that 49 structures were deemed unrepairable, and that a contractor would be hired to complete the restoration for an estimated cost of greater than \$1.5 million; preliminary estimates for total cleanup and reconstruction were projected to be \$6.7 million. In order to expedite the procurement process and engage the services of contractors, management requested an emergency proclamation by the Board.

There were no public comments.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-30**

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2025, the District sustained storm damage caused by high winds in the south/central part of Nebraska, which included damage to the District's transmission line and related structures along an approximately 7.5 mile stretch of the Crooked Creek to North Platte 230 kV transmission line; and

WHEREAS, after damage was discovered, District crews began to immediately assess the damage in order to develop a cost estimate for the repairs and restoration of the transmission line, with such cost estimate being in excess of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient time to comply with Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 70-637 through 70-641, and complete said repairs in a timely manner so as not to have a detrimental effect on the District's electric system; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-642, provides that the Board of Directors, in the event of sudden or unexpected damage, injury, or impairment of the District's plant, works, system, or other property, may declare an emergency and proceed with the necessary improvements, extensions, additions, or other works without complying with the provisions of said Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 70-637 through 70-641.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby declare an emergency, and hereby ratifies the actions that management of the District has taken, and will take, to procure the necessary labor, materials, equipment and services and negotiate any contracts required to repair the District's electric system.

REPORT ON SYSTEM AND SAFETY STATUS

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

RESOLUTION NO. 25-30 (ADOPTED): **DECLARE** EMERGENCY, RATIFY AND/OR **AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND** SERVICES FOR STORM DAMAGE **RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF** TRANSMISSION LINE TL 2304B, NORTH **PLATTE TO** CROOKED CREEK **230 KV LINE** 

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is directed to submit to the Board of Directors a monthly report of the procurements initiated pursuant to this resolution.

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

| Voting Aye: | Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Hinrichs, Kemp, |
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Langemeier, Mogul, Olson, Rusher, Troester,

Williams

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

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 25-30 adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 a.m. CDT

ADJOURNMENT 9:15 A.M. CDT

|                     | /s/                          |
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|                     | Jerry L. Chlopek, Chair      |
| Minutes approved at |                              |
| the meeting of      | /s/                          |
| August 13-14, 2025  | Aaron D. Troester, Secretary |