

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PERENNIAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
May 20, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Perennial Public Power District was called to order by President Mark Becker at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the boardroom at the District office in York, Nebraska. The directors in attendance were Steve Wright, Dan Hendrickson, Jeff Obermier, Grant Schmidt, and Matt Clark. Also present at the meeting was Brandon Lehman, General Manager; Dave Jarecke, District Attorney; Steve Gerken, Manager of Operations; Jeff Burk, Manager of Purchasing & Warehousing; Jared Hain, Manager of Finance and Accounting; Lisa Jacobsen, Manager of Customer Service; and Jeremy Styskal, Manager of Operational Technology.

In compliance with state law, legal notice announcing the date, hour, location, and availability of the agenda for the meeting was published in advance in the York News-Times on May 16, 2025.

President Becker announced that there is a posting of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act on the back wall of the room that is available for viewing by the public, that copies of the Act are also available and will be provided to the public upon request, and that the District reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the Agenda and may act on any of the items.

1. Approval of the April 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 meetings. Hendrickson seconded the motion. By roll call vote, All Ayes. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Acceptance of the March 2025 Financial Report

Hain gave the financial report for the month of March 2025. Energy sales were 1,118 MWh higher than expected, which was also evident in the increased purchased power cost of an additional \$27,620 over expected. Hain reviewed the income statement and the month of March with margin, still trending slightly ahead of budget values. Hain summarized the check register and credit card statements. A motion was made by Clark to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Obermier seconded the motion. By roll call vote, all Ayes. Motion carried.

4. Management Reports

Jacobsen provided an update on the Energy Efficiency Program and 2025 Beneficial Electrification. The current proportionate contribution is \$66,849 with \$22,682 reimbursed and \$1,605 waiting approval. Jacobsen noted the leading incentive is the Heat Pump incentive. She also reported that active accounts with accumulated balances 60 days or more past due totals \$8,336.09 as of May 14, 2025. There were no uncollectable accounts since the previous meeting.

Gerken reported crews have replaced 969 poles between March 19th and April 18th as compared 474 pole replacements over the entire year of 2024. In addition, crews changed out 235 transformers in just 8 days. All poles and other salvaged material was cleaned up in York County by May 8th and Fillmore should be completed within the next week. The District tree contractor, Witt 360 tree Service, will begin right-of-way clearing for the Bradshaw sub-transmission project which is planned to start this fall.

Styskal reported on the recent work completed on the District's communication tower. The tower contractor removed idle equipment and replaced the original lighting system with an improved LED system. The contractor's inspection report has follow up items and preventive measures that will be resolved in the next couple months. The OT department will continue working on the Henderson substation RTU and complete more load control switch install and code changes. The OT department helped with blizzard restoration by

patrolling line and relaying field information to the engineering technicians. 15 polyphase meters were damaged when service poles were broken during the blizzard.

A break was taken at 9:55 am and the meeting resumed at 10:02 am

Burk reviewed the replacement of seven warehouse doors on the south side of the warehouse. Door panels and trim pieces are rusting through and gaps along the bottom of the doors let cold air in during the winter. Burk reviewed the three bids and recommended the low bid by Raynor for the door replacement. Obermier made the motion to accept the bid from Raynor and Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call vote, All Ayes. Motion carried.

Lehman presented the information shared with the villages of McCool, Exeter, Milligan, and Ohioa in the past month about rates increases in October. Lehman and Jacobsen will visit Grafton, Waco and Strang in the next couple of weeks.

Lehman reviewed the general concept proposed by NPPD of combining the CFC performance component of the existing contract with a debt discount in an exit fee. Lehman presented a summary of current cash levels and noted the District is below the minimum level established in Policy 428, Financial Policy Statement. The primary reduction in cash was caused by the costs of the winter storm damage restoration and the District plans to issue bonds for funding March 18th winter storm repairs and the Bradshaw sub-transmission project. It is still unknown if or when FEMA will declare the March 18th storm a disaster event and provide aid to the state of Nebraska. Lehman reviewed the board and general manager expenses since the last meeting. Obermier made the motion to approve the general manager report. A second to the motion was made by Wright. By roll call vote, All Ayes. Motion carried.

5. Review Bond Markets and Issuance Considerations by Piper Sandler—Bruce Lefler

Lefler presented bonds options and gave an overview of the bond market. The market has become more stable in the last two months, and the yield curve is expected to stay relatively flat in the foreseeable future. The District has traditionally utilized non-rated bonds in the past.

6. Report on Meetings Attended

Becker reported on the NREA May meeting held in Norfolk. Becker reviewed the presentation given at the event on the Perkin's County Canal Project and the challenges with building the canal in Colorado and Nebraska.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Closed Session

None.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was duly adjourned at 11:41 a.m.


Matt Clark, Secretary