

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

January 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Central Public Power District was held in the office of the District in Nelson, Nebraska on January 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. after due notice thereof in the Hastings Tribune.

1. President Woods called attention to the posted Open Meetings Act information and all present were given the opportunity to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Directors Hoffman, Wehrman, Woods, Zalman, and Hamburger. Directors Greer and Carpenter were absent. Also, present were Manager Craig Cox, Office Manager Brent Menke, Public Relations Manager Lisa Peterson, Operations Manager Dale Endorf, Attorney John Hodge, Sharon Hueftle executive Director of South Central Economic Development District, and Jeff Cook-Coyle with Premier Energy

2. The Oath of Office was taken by the newly elected directors.

3. The Board discussed the Election of Officers for 2025. Following discussion it was moved by Wehrman, seconded by Zalman, to elect the officers for 2025 as follows:

President:	Woods
Vice President:	Carpenter
Secretary:	Hamburger
Treasurer:	Wehrman

Roll call vote: Hoffman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Zalman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nay, 2 Absent.

4. The minutes of the December 17, 2024, Meeting were previously distributed to the members of the Board. It was moved by Hoffman, seconded by Zalman, that the minutes, as presented, be approved. Roll call vote: Hamburger, Yea; Zalman, Yea; Hoffman, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; and Woods, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

5. The bills for December, 2025 were presented for consideration, certified to and identified by the Treasurer and upon motion made by Wehrman, seconded by Zalman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Be it resolved that the bills presented, identified and certified to and drawn on General Funds (Checks and drafts numbered 109107 through 109223 including auto withholding and E-Pay Debits as reflected on the listing record in the office of the District, in the total amount of \$3,781,177.58) are hereby approved." Roll call vote: Zalman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; and Hoffman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

6. Opportunity was given for Public Comment.

7. The Director and Management Reports were given as follows:

There were no individual Director reports to be presented for the January 2025 Meeting.

Operations Manager's report for the January 2025 Meeting was presented by Operations Manager Endorf including updates from recent safety meetings and an operations report. Report was considered and after discussion thereof, the report was ordered filed.

Office Manager's report for the January 2025 Meeting was presented by Office Manager Menke including an updated Bad Debt Report and Form 7 Financial Report for November 2024. Report was considered and after discussion thereof, the report was ordered filed.

The Public Relations Manager's report for the January 2025 Meeting was presented by Public Relations Manager Peterson including a reminder for the employee appreciation party, recent NREA Committee Meetings and Legislature Event, and the South Central PPD website redesign. Report was considered and after discussion thereof, the report was ordered filed.

The Manager's report for the January 2025 Meeting was presented by Manager Cox including year-end reports, an update on REAP Grants in Nebraska, and Operational Reports and Charts. Report was considered and after discussion thereof, the report was ordered filed.

8. The Board discussed the solar project program with Premier Energy.

9. The Board discussed Board Policy 104 (Director/Manager Procurement and Conflicts of Interest) and Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure C1 compliance.

10. The Board discussed appointed legal counsel and compensation for 2025. Following discussion it was moved by Hamburger, seconded by Wehrman, that John V. Hodge be appointed legal counsel for 2025 and that the legal retainer remain set at \$1,600.00 per month subject to the Memorandum of Understanding for 2025, and that South Central Public Power District reimburse John V. Hodge for Electric Cooperative Bar Association membership dues. Roll call vote: Zalman, Yea; Hoffman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; and Hamburger, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 absent.

11. The Board discussed 2025 right of way management contracts with Crowl Tree Service. Following discussion, it was moved by Hamburger, seconded by Zalman, that the 2025 right of way management contracts with Crowl Tree Service be accepted and executed as presented. Roll call vote: Hoffman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; and Zalman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

12. The Board discussed selecting a legal newspaper for 2025. Following discussion, it was moved by Zalman, seconded by Hoffman, that the Hastings Tribune be designated as the legal newspaper for the District. Roll call vote: Hoffman, Yea; Wehrman, Yea;

Hamburger, Yea; Zalman, Yea; and Woods, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

13. The Board discussed selecting General Fund Depositories for 2025. Following discussion, it was moved by Hamburger, seconded by Wehrman, that a resolution be adopted listing the numerous financial institutions as depositories for district funds. Roll call vote: Zalman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Hoffman, Yea; and Wehrman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

14. The Board discussed the 2025 Audit Proposal from Dana Cole. Following discussion, it was moved by Zalman, seconded by Hamburger to proceed with Dana Cole for the 2025 Audit. Roll call vote: Wehrman, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Woods, Yea; Zalman, Yea; and Hoffman, Yea. Motion Passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

15. The Board discussed NREA Director and Alternates for 2025. Following discussion it was moved by Zalman, seconded by Wehrman, that Director Woods serve as NREA Director and the balance of the Board, or General Manager if no Board Members are present, as Alternate. Roll call vote: Hoffman, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; Zalman, Yea; and Woods, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

16. The Board discussed the Nebraska Electric G&T and NE Power Authority Director and Alternates for 2025. Following discussion it was moved by Zalman, seconded by Wehrman, that Director Hamburger serve as Nebraska Electric G&T and Nebraska Power Authority Director and that Manager Cox serve as Alternate. Roll call vote: Zalman, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Hoffman, Yea; and Woods, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

17. The Board discussed 2025 Rate Schedules LP3, LP4, and LP(WSP). Following discussion it was moved by Wehrman, seconded by Zalman, to approve the 2025 rate schedule LP3, LP4, and LP(WSP) as proposed. Roll call vote: Zalman, Yea; Woods, Yea; Hamburger, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; and Hoffman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 18, 2025 in the office of the District in Nelson, Nebraska at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District, it was moved by Zalman, seconded by Wehrman, that the meeting adjourn. Roll call vote: Hamburger, Yea; Wehrman, Yea; Hoffman, Yea; Woods, Yea; and Zalman, Yea. Motion passes with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 absent.

David Hamburger, Secretary

Dave Woods, President