

January 2005 Board Summary

The two new Directors, Robert Cerv, Clarkson and Robert Clausen, Columbus, were welcomed to the Board.

Appointed by the Board were Kim Grubaugh as Deputy Treasurer and Vicki Soden as Assistant Secretary. Committee appointments were made for board members.

The Wholesale Power Contract with Nebraska Public Power District was approved.

The Hydroelectric Power Purchase Contract with Nebraska Public Power District was approved.

The status of the employment search for a new President/CEO by Mycoff and Associates was discussed. A long list of candidates will be presented to the Directors in February.

The 2005 retail rates were approved.

A book showing all insurance coverages for the District is being put together for the Board.

The pricing of the industrial parcels the District owns where the spec building is located was priced at \$3,500/acre. This price would also be good for possible plant expansion.

Mal Sutherland sent a letter to the Board regarding the annual flushing of Lake Babcock.

Resolution 10039 in appreciation of Carl Aerni's many years of service on the Loup Board of Directors was approved.

Resolution 10040 granting Tim Berlin's request for early retirement on February 1, 2005 was approved.

Newman Grove Superintendent, Graham Koehler's request for early retirement effective June 30, 2005 was approved.

The following work order and purchase orders were approved.

<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PO 37489	<u>Responsibility Area 923 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 1</u> This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new pickup truck to be used by the Columbus Division Superintendent.	
PO 37490 &	<u>Responsibility Area 923 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 2</u> This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new pickup and service body for use by the 37491 Columbus Line Crew Foreman.	
PO 37492	<u>Responsibility Area 926 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 3</u> This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new pickup truck to be used at the Genoa Headworks.	

- PO 37493 Responsibility Area 923 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 4
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new aerial lift truck for use by the Columbus Tree Crew.
- PO 37494 Responsibility Area 926 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 5
This purchase order will authorize funds for the purchase of a new articulating, rubber tired, front-end loader for use on the District's canal system and in the four county area.
- PO 37495 Responsibility Area 926 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 6
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new mower tractor to be used by the District's Canal Crew.
- PO 37496 & 37499 Responsibility Area 926 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 8
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new truck chassis and 10-yard dump box for use by the District's Canal Crew.
- PO 37497 Responsibility Area 923 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 10
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new aerial lift truck to be used by the Columbus Serviceman.
- PO 37498 Responsibility Area 925 - Budget Code 2292 - Item No. 11
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new cargo van to be used by the Meter Maintenance Department.
- PO 37500 Responsibility Area 926 - Budget Code 2192 - Item No. 7
This PO will authorize funds for the purchase of a new riding mower for use at Headworks Parks.
- PO 37501 Responsibility Area 921 - Budget Code 2192 - Item No. 4
This will purchase a total station surveying transit and accessories.
- W.O. 01888 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492 Item No. 3
This work will consist of installing seven new poles, building a new portion of three-phase line and converting an existing single-phase line to three-phase, and building a new three-phase transformer mounting. This work is needed to provide service to a new 40 h.p. irrigation well for Tom Brockhaus located south of Humphrey.

The annual safety banquets will be held this Friday at the American Legion in Columbus and next Friday at the Albion Country Club.

All Directors should have received information on joining PowerPac.

Cooper Nuclear has been taken off the watch list.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Todd have put a claim in to the District for trees that were improperly trimmed on their property.

The hydro rehabilitation project information was updated: the turbine area has been reassembled and they are working on the upper guide bearing. The project is about eight weeks behind schedule due to a lack of parts but overall the District is pleased with the progress and the cost. The first unit is taking longer than anticipated but the other two units should go much smoother and parts have already been received for them.

A future Board-to-Board meeting with the Loup and Cornhusker Board of Directors was discussed. The Directors would like to have some historical and basic information, a copy of the service area agreement with NPPD and also items the two Districts have in common made available for the Directors to review.