

June 15, 2005 Board Summary

The Bob Lake Trail was dedicated on Saturday with about 70 people in attendance. Director Clausen spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The building housing the St. Edward superintendent's truck has been purchased. The District is still looking for a building to house the Humphrey superintendent's truck.

Engineering Manager Ron Ziola discussed the status of the rehab on Unit Two.

The approaching 75th anniversary for the District in 2008 and how the District should observe the occasion was looked at along with a letter from the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the publishing of a coffee table historical book on the history of the Loup District.

Also discussed was the Columbus Sesquicentennial celebration that will be held next summer to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city and sponsorship of the event.

The District's health insurance through NRECA will be up for renewal later this year. The District has experienced a high volume of claims and rates in general for health insurance have soared. The District is projecting a 22.5% rate increase for next year. Management is reviewing options to lower the estimated \$345,000 annual increase in the District's health insurance. This will be discussed at the July Board meeting.

A special Board meeting will be held on June 29, 2005 to address the naming of the new President/CEO.

The following work orders and purchase orders were approved.

W.O. No.	Description	Amount
01902	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. 5</u> This work will consist of installing four new poles, building two riser structures, trenching 2540 feet of 1/0 UG cable, setting six padmounted transformers and eight secondary pedestals. This work is being done to provide underground service to the new Country Club Shores Third Subdivision located north of Columbus.	
01903	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1392 Item No. 3</u> This work order is required to install four group operated 34.5kV 1200 amp, side break switches. Two switches will be installed on breaker 310-D and the other two switches will be installed on breaker 312-D at the Schuyler 115kV substation. The four existing switches are unreliable and require continual maintenance.	
01904	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1392 Item No. 10</u> This work order is required to install a sectionalizing breaker & breaker disconnect switches, switch trusses and associate equipment at the Schuyler 115kV substation. The breaker will provide bus sectionalizing in case of a bus fault. This will improve reliability to the Schuyler area.	
01905	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. 8</u>	

This work will consist of installing two new poles, converting a single-phase line to three-phase, trenching 2270 feet of 1/0 UG conductor and installing a concrete pull box.

This work is being done in conjunction with the road projects being done on 33rd Avenue and 23rd Street in Columbus.

P.O. Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 2292 Item No. 9
37820 This purchase order will authorize a trailer for the safety department to be used for safety demonstrations.

P.O. Responsibility Area 926 Budget Code 2192 Item No. 8
37828 The purchase order will authorize the purchase of a hydraulic power unit for the dredge car at the Genoa Headworks.

The awarding of a purchase order for Contract 2005-02 for the purchase of single-phase polemount transformers was given to Cahoon Sales in the amount of \$155,725, plus tax.