

May 25, 2005 Board Summary

The NEG&T's General Manager, Bruce Pontow said the NEG&T will be ready for discussions after July 1, 2005 concerning a Loup-NEG&T future relationship.

Updating the current rate for farmers taking water out of the canal for irrigation purposes was discussed. A water rate will be developed and a draft letter to the irrigators prepared for approval by the Board.

Several economic development bills are expected to have their final reading this morning. This has been a significant economic development year in the legislature. The status of the proposed ethanol plant in Albion was discussed.

An e-mail from Dan Nitzel provided an update for the NOVA Spring Jamboree at the Genoa Headworks.

The building being used to house the line truck at St. Edward is for sale and the Board authorized its purchase. Humphrey is also looking for a garage at this time to house their line truck as these vehicles must be kept in a heated garage for the hydraulics to work properly in the winter in case of outages.

The lease on the Bokelman cabin just off 8th St. in Columbus is set to expire in a few years and the District will not renew the lease at that time.

Graham Koehler, Local Superintendent at Newman Grove for Operations - Retail. Effective 6/30/05 Employee Electing to Take Early Retirement

Dominic Zoucha, Lineman for Operations Retail at Fullerton. Effective 6/1/05. Employee Transferring to the Fullerton Line Crew to Replace Dave Meyer who Transferred to the Albion Line Crew.

Tom L. Wemhoff, Apprentice Lineman for Operations - Retail at Columbus. Effective 5/26/05. Employee being Hired to Fill Vacancy Created with the Transfer of Dominic Zoucha to the Fullerton Line Crew.

Todd Pfeil, T.P.T. Apprentice Lineman for Operations - Retail at Humphrey. Effective 5/16/05. Summer Co-Op Student from N.E. Community College being Hired as Temporary Apprentice Lineman.

Ben Mliner, T.P.T. Groundman for Operations - Retail at Columbus. Effective 5/16/05. Part-time Summer Student being Hired to Assist on the Columbus Tree Crew.

Chase Alan Davis, T.P.T. Groundman for Operations - Retail at Columbus. Effective 5/26/05. Student Summer Help for the Columbus Retail Crews.

Ben Beller, T.P.T. Groundman for Operations - Hydro at Columbus. Effective 6/1/05. Part-time Summer Help for District Park Maintenance.

The final interviews for the President/CEO position will be held on June 6 and 7th.

The following work orders were approved.

<u>W.O. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01898	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. 12</u> This work will consist of installing three new poles, building an UG riser and trenching 1400 ft of 1/0 UG cable. This work is being done to replace old and unreliable cable serving St. Francis High School in Humphrey.	
01899	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492 Item No. 3</u> This work will consist of installing new crossarms, installing two new poles, building a transformer mounting and stringing new 4 ACSR conductor and neutral wire. This work is being done to convert an existing single-phase line to three-phase to provide service to a new 100 HP well for Nick Gasper located northeast of St Ed.	
01900	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492 Item No. 3</u> This work will consist of installing 10 new poles, stringing 8424 feet of 4 ACSR, and building a new transformer mounting. This work is needed to provide service to a new 135 HP irrigation well for Ray Bennett located northwest of Cedar Rapids.	
01901	<u>Responsibility Area 926 Budget Code Contingency</u> This work order provides for the removal of the Sprunk/Ditter Ditch Bridge. This bridge is two miles west and three-quarters mile north of Monroe. It is located across a county road ditch the District enlarged in the 1930's. The bridge no longer serves a farmstead and is not heavy enough to serve anything larger than a pickup truck. The bridge requires maintenance and inspections and is used by no one. The owner has agreed to removal of this bridge in return for the District granting him ingress/egress rights along the canal road. The owner has signed an agreement releasing all rights to claim a bridge on this property.	

The District is down to two farm bridges spanning the canal system. They are referred to as the Loseke and Schumacher bridges. The District received a good report from FERC on their 2004 environmental inspection.

The progress being made on the rehabilitation of the Columbus and Monroe powerhouses was updated. Unit One is basically done at Columbus and the wicket gates are being pulled on Unit Three. At Monroe the assembly is done and they expect to be watering-up in late June.

Several major projects are taking place in Columbus. The Albion and Fullerton line crews are working 4 10-hour days in Columbus right now. The line crews should finish clearing the Hy-Vee property and the 33rd Avenue transmission feed has been moved. The District is meeting with B-D on their expansion projects.