

## **Loup Power District**

### **January 25, 2006 Board Summary**

Chairman of the Board Kracl presented retired President/CEO Robert White with a gift from the Board of Directors. Mr. White thanked the Board for their generous retirement gift.

A proposal to have the District operate the City of Clarkson's electric system was approved. Clarkson would then become a retail town of the District. It is the standard agreement the District has approved with other retail towns.

Approval of both the multi-project agreement and Task Order 001 with HDR, for services dealing with relicensing of the hydroelectric facilities was given.

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the cracks in the Monroe Unit 2 head cover. The repairs for the head cover are covered under the contingency portion of the project.

The annual FERC Hydroelectric Operation Report was reviewed.

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the newspaper article in the Omaha World Herald addressing the OPPD projected rate increase and the two e-mails from Bill Fehrman on the future NPPD energy supply. An additional article from the Lincoln Journal Star dealing with a proposed LES rate increase was also discussed.

A discussion was held regarding Internet access for the Directors and a possible increase in Directors' salaries to pay for this. No action was taken and further study will be preferred on this issue.

A handout entitled 'Nebraska Power Association-Bill tracking 2006 99<sup>th</sup> Legislature - 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Carry Over Legislation' was discussed.

Director Merrill was encouraged by the Board to run for the director's seat on the APPA Board. The District will get Director Merrill's information sent in for the application.

Engineering Manager, Ron Ziola, stated work on the trails near Lake North and Lake Babcock would begin in March with scraping, weather permitting. Rock for the trails will be received in April after the scraping is completed.

The Board accepted management's recommendation to purchase a lot and building in Fullerton that adjoins the current office and facilities.

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition (NHCC) lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The lawsuit was won by the NHCC and the District should receive some return of the money committed for this lawsuit.

The following work orders were approved

<b>W.O. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
01923	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. Contingency</u> This work order is needed to install a new 35kV metering set near Cornhusker Substation 81-5A. Increased load at this location requires the replacement of the existing three phase metering set. Loup was not made aware Cornhusker was increasing transformer capacity because of the increase in load at this location at the time of the 2006 budget.
01924	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1392 Item No. 6</u> This work order is required to purchase and install the 34.5kV bus voltage transformers at the Columbus Hydro South Sub. The existing voltage transformers are PCB contaminated.
01925	<u>Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1392 Item No. 9</u> This work order is required to purchase and install a single-phase recloser for rural distribution line. This work is necessary to replace a damaged unit.

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the newspaper article on the Snowbird Trail. This would necessitate a bridge west of Columbus and the District has sent a letter to Representative Osborne supporting a feasibility study of Senator Stuthman's proposal for a bridge east of Columbus.

The APPA Annual Conference will be held June 10-14 in Chicago this year.