

Loup Power District September 27, 2006 Board Summary

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the current status of the contract negotiations with the NEG&T and Cornhusker Public Power District. He will try to bring a buffer zone agreement to the Board in October. The agreement in principle with the Nebraska Electric G&T and Cornhusker Public Power was approved.

President/CEO Neal Suess updated the Board on the Clarkson situation. PS Analytics is doing a study for the City. The City is waiting for the consultant's study to be completed before making any further decisions.

The NPPD 2007 wholesale rate increase was discussed. NPPD has talked to numerous wholesale customers and is modifying its proposed rates. A cost analysis should be completed by October 1st and wholesale customers will have 30 days to consider if a rate review meeting is necessary.

A Rate Committee meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. October 25th before the regularly scheduled Board meeting. An Executive Committee meeting was set for October 19th at 9:00 A.M. to discuss committee meetings.

A change in how the bidding is done for the District's large vehicles was reviewed.

A motion to allow the District to bid large vehicles in October, prior to Board approval of the construction budget, with the ordering of these vehicles after the approval of the construction budget by the Board was approved.

The Heat Helper Program was discussed.

The importance of workforce development for the area and the concerns of plant managers to find employees in the future were brought up. It is important to the future viability of the four county area. Approval was given to house a Hometown Competitiveness Coordinator at the District and approve a budget item of \$10,000 for the next three years, to be included in the Development and Marketing Department budget for funding of this position, through the Chamber.

The umbrella bids for the District should be available for Board review at the October Board meeting.

A discussion regarding Interlocal cooperative agreements between governmental units was held. Board members were provided with a copy of the Nebraska law outlining the purpose of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. After reviewing this information, approval was given for entering into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Humphrey Public School District.

Eric J. Loseke was hired as a Journeyman-Lineman for Operations Retail at the Columbus Service Center due to the promotion of Darin Bloomquist to Genoa Local Superintendent.

Director Merrill's picture as a young football player was in the Telegram as a member of Scotus' first 11-man football team.

The following work order was approved.

<u>W.O. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1951	This work will consist of building a new 3-phase line including stringing T2 4/0 ACSR conductor, and with a 4/0 ACRS neutral wire, and setting 21 new poles. This work is needed to provide service to the new Harwest operation being located at the Genoa Headworks.	

The Directors were reminded of EnergyFest being held at Lake North on October 5th from 4:00 p.m. until dark.