

Loup Power District Board Summary January 24, 2007

Possible changes to the District's By-Laws were reviewed and tabled until the February Board meeting.

An update on the Clarkson Professional Retail Operations Agreement was given. A town hall meeting will be held on February 7, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. There is one vacant seat on the Clarkson City Council that is expected to be filled at the next City Council meeting. The general consensus of the population of Clarkson feels good about the Loup PRO agreement.

The Board reviewed the New Years Eve ice storm. A PowerPoint presentation on the damage that had occurred due to the storm and two DVDs furnished by NPPD with President/CEO Ron Asche describing the damage from their viewpoint were shown to the Directors. All of the District's service was restored by January 3, 2007. LES sent several crews to help restore the power. The District was lucky as it only sustained about a half a million dollars in damages. After the District's power was restored our crews helped Cornhusker PPD and then several crews helped Southern PPD. All crews returned home by January 16, 2007.

Canal Irrigator Rates were reviewed. The current rate of \$1.25 per acre-foot has been in effect for over 40 years. It was suggested that the rate for 2007 be increased to \$4.25 per acre-foot based upon a review of costs associated with the canal. The new rate was approved.

A letter outlining the APPA Utility Operating Ratios shows the District rates quite well compared to other publicly owned utilities.

Computer Internet connectivity for the Directors was placed back into the hand of management to take whatever action they deem appropriate regarding internet connectivity for the Directors.

A number of bills have been introduced since the start of the legislative session that could affect the District. These bills include LB412, LB629, LB672, LB579, LB581, LB648 and LB705.

The audit proposal presented by Scow, Reif, Kruse and Schumacher for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 for \$11,850 per year was approved.

Quotation 06-364 for the purchase of single-phase Polemount transformers was approved.

President/CEO Neal Suess congratulated Director Merrill on his one-year appointment to the APPA Policymakers Council.

Administrative Services Manager Kim Grubaugh informed the Directors that the second principal payment had been made on the 2004 bond issue in December.

President/CEO Neal Suess informed the Board the wage consultant will attend the February Board meeting.