

LOUP POWER DISTRICT

Board Summary

November 28, 2007

Meeting Dates —

Different possibilities for 2008 Board meeting dates were reviewed and the dates approved. The meeting dates for June, November, and December will have conflicts and will be scheduled as follows: June 18, November 19, and December 23, 2008.

Nominating Committee —

Board Chairman Sand named Directors Tooley, Gonka, and Kumpf to be the nominating committee for the election of officers for the 2008 year. They will present a slate of officers at the December board meeting.

Lower Platte River Basin —

President/CEO Neal Suess discussed the Lower Platte River Basin and how the inaccuracies in the draft biological opinion could impact the District. Engineering Manager Ron Ziola attended the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) instream flow meeting November 27th. The hydro recycling is the District's largest concern. There are two separate groups that are forming to combat the inaccuracies in the studies. The District is monitoring both groups and will decide if further involvement is necessary. So far the District has been going it alone and has been doing well. The first hearing on the appropriations in the Platte River will be December 19, 2007.

Loup River —

The District believes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants the District to put a call on the Loup River waters. The District may not be getting paid for all upstream water being used for irrigation due to the calculations done by the DNR. The DNR may not be able to do irrigation calculations in the future due to manpower issues. The District may have to eliminate the gentlemen's agreement with the NGPC in the future to allow water past the diversion structure at the Headworks.

Budget —

The 2008 Construction Budget for \$6,871,000 was approved and the Board allowed the bids on transportation vehicles to take place in December.

The 2008 Operations Budget was also approved

The Pawnee —

The Board approved \$100,000 for a PSI for a dredge and consultant to explore possibilities for replacing the Pawnee at the Headworks as the Pawnee's hull has partially corroded away.

Insurance —

The property, automobile, and excess liability insurance was renewed.

Energy Bill —

The energy bill being hotly debated at the national level does not directly affect the District.

Personnel —

Paul Burbach was hired as a journeyman lineman at Fullerton effective December 15, 2007, to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Scott Oakley.

Larry Moseman, Meter Relay and Equipment Technician I for Engineering at the Columbus Service Center was granted early retirement effective January 31, 2008.

Employee Notes —

The Board of Directors granted a 4 percent wage increase for all employees, a promotion to an engineering employee and merit increases for five employees effective January 1, 2008.

The Directors also granted the employees an extra half-day holiday for Christmas Eve 2007 as it falls on a Monday.

President/CEO Neal Suess expressed his desire to have a uniform employee evaluation in place by June of 2008 for the Directors' review.

Sandpile —

There has been several discussions between the company looking at purchasing the Legacy Resources Project, Preferred Unlimited, out at the sandpile and the District. Several issues need to be resolved for the purchase to happen. Discussion of ongoing activities was held.

Additional Discussion —

In other business, the Directors were informed long-time District employee Tim Berlin, who had retired February 1, 2005, had a massive heart attack and passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

Mrs. Suess is doing well and with time and medication she should return to normal. A diagnosis was received at the Mayo Clinic on Monday, November 26th. Also, President/CEO Neal Suess' grandmother had passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2007. All of the concerns are appreciated.

The following work orders were approved.

<u>W.O. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
01986	Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. 5
	This work order will consist of trenching 610 feet of underground cable, setting and terminating three padmounted transformers, three secondary peds, and trenching 420 feet of secondary cable.
	This work is being done to provide service to the new Dahlberg Addition located in the north part of Duncan.