

# LOUP POWER DISTRICT

## Board Summary

February 27, 2008

### **NPPD Board Candidate —**

Mr. John Krings spoke giving the Directors his background and why he would be a good representative on the NPPD Board of Directors.

### **DNR —**

The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has indicated they are no longer going to provide administrative services to the District due to a lack of manpower. Much of the water law developed in Nebraska is a result of lawsuits filed against the District upstream of the diversion structure. Management will be meeting with the DNR on March 27, 2008, with the hope of developing a better understanding of what the DNR currently does and what might happen now that the DNR indicates it can no longer provide administrative support.

### **Relicensing —**

On February 12, 2008, Mr. Suess, Mr. Ziola, and Mr. Frear met with HDR to discuss the hydro Relicensing project. The Notice of Intent and the Pre-Application Document will need to be filed this fall with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) for the Relicensing process.

### **NPPD Strategic Plan —**

The NPPD strategic plan and climate change policy statement were discussed.

### **Net Income Analysis —**

The net income analysis was reviewed.

### **Utility Operating Ratios —**

The Utility Operating Ratios report from APPA is now available.

### **Legislative Bills —**

There are several bills before the Legislature of interest to the District. LB766 is a bill dealing with scrap metal recycling and LB921 is a bill to adopt the Nebraska Energy Independence Act to consolidate a number of agencies throughout the state. Senator Flood has introduced a gas tax bill to help pay for the expressway system throughout Nebraska.

### **Personnel —**

The District needs to hire two part-time meter readers as soon as possible. Two part-time meter readers will be hired to fill the vacancy created with the move of JR Fischer to the Service Center. The administrative services department would like to hire someone in the next several weeks.

### **Wage and Salary Plan —**

The wage and salary structure plan as detailed by management effective January 1, 2009, was approved.

The changes to various job titles effective January 1, 2009, was approved.

Certain monthly salaried employees will be moved to hourly employees effective January 1, 2009.

### **Audit —**

The 2007 audit and additional single audit proposal were approved.

### **APPA Annual Meeting —**

The brochure for the APPA annual meeting can now be viewed on-line.

### **Report Reminder —**

The Directors were asked to be sure to fill out and mail in their financial accountability to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission by April 2, 2008.

### **Preferred Rocks —**

Preferred Rocks at Genoa is moving sand.

### **Defibrillators —**

The defibrillators have been distributed throughout the District.

### **Appogee Retail, LLC —**

Appogee Retail, LLC is going to open a call center in the old Wal-Mart building.

### **Biological Opinion on the Lower Platte River —**

An initial meeting will be held on March 6, 2008, at Loup by the newly formed interlocal group regarding the draft Biological Opinion on the Lower Platte River.

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The following work orders were approved.

**W.O. No.            Description**

**01990 Responsibility Area 925 Budget Code 1392 Item No. 5**

This work order will provide for the purchase and installation of a LTC Oil Filtering System on T-1 at Schuyler and T-1 Columbus West 115 k Substations. This will improve operational conditions of the tap changers; resulting in less maintenance and improved operational reliability of the transformers.

**01991 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492 Item No. 3**

This work will consist of installing 11 poles, building one three phase transformer with C-T metering and stringing 10,324 feet of 4 ACSR conductor and neutral wire. This work is needed to provide service to a 100hp irrigation well for Dan Meysenburg located in the NW ¼, Section 4, T19N, R6W, Boone County, south of Albion.

**PO**

**40072 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 2292 Item No. 8**

This purchase order provides for one, three reel stringing trailer for use in the four county area.

**PO**

**40093 Responsibility Area 921 Budget Code 2192 Item No. 3**

This purchase order will provide for a MCL Mobile Collector lite kit and MCL-PPOW kit for the automated meter reading system.

**Suppl No. 1**

**1905 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1292 Item No. 8**

This work converted two blocks of single-phase line to three- Net Income Analysis phase to serve SuperSaver because of the rebuilding of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

This supplement is required because the scope of the project changed. After design work started it was determined that the underground portion of the project was not required and a shorter overhead route was available resulting in reduced costs.

**PO**

**39913 Responsibility Area 926 Budget Code 2192 Item No. 2**

This purchase order provides for the purchase of personal protective air filtration equipment for metalizing and welding.

**PO**

**40018 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 2192 Item No. 7**

This purchase order provides for a plasma cutter for use at the Columbus Shop.

**PO**

**40077 Responsibility Area 926 Budget Code 2192 Item No. 11**

This purchase order provides for one Rhino CY84 super duty rotary cutter for use by the canal crews.

**PO**

**40080 Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 2292 Item No. 7**

This purchase order provides for one tandem axle tow-type utility trailer to be used in the Albion Division.

Contract 2008-01 for the construction of the ADM co-gen substation equipment foundations was approved.