



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 8, 2026

The Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District met in regular session in the boardroom of the District's corporate office at 4550 West Husker Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the mailed notice of the meeting sent to all Directors of the District and notice posted. Wayne Anderbery, Chairman of the District, called the meeting to order.

Directors present were as follows: Dean Klute, Curtis Rohrich, Courtney Retzlaff, Arlon Jacobitz, Lee Grove, Joel Kuehn, Justin Katzberg, Larry Benson, Joe Gustafson, Rick Bergman, Dana Meyer, Wayne Anderbery and Bob Kieborz. President/CEO Chad Waldow and attorney Dave Jarecke were also present.

Directors absent: Kevin Choquette.

Chairman Anderbery publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

AGENDA

There were no additions requested to the agenda.

SAFETY MESSAGE/SYSTEM STATUS

Operations Manager Zeb Graham and CEO Chad Waldow presented the safety message and presented the system status.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There were slight revisions made to the minutes of the March 18, 2026, regular Board meeting.

A motion was duly moved by Director Benson, seconded by Director Kuehn, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves the minutes of the March 18, 2026, regular Board meeting as amended.

Roll call vote: Yes 12, No 0, Abstain 1 (Director Anderbery), Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There were no revisions made to the minutes of the March 30, 2026, Special Board meeting.

A motion was duly moved by Director Grove, seconded by Director Bergman, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves the minutes of the March 30, 2026, Special Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 12, No 0, Abstain 1 (Director Benson), Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Management and staff answered questions regarding bills and claims.

A motion was duly moved by Director Klute, seconded by Director Kieborz, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves all bills and claims.

Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

DIRECTOR REPORTS

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- Directors Anderbery, Bergman, Choquette, Grove, Gustafson, Jacobitz, Katzberg, Kieborz, Klute, Kuehn, Meyer, Retzlaff and Rohrich attended the Special Board meeting held in York on March 30, 2026.
- Directors Retzlaff and Benson attended the Chapman Village board meeting on April 7th.
- Directors Anderbery, Kuehn and Rohrich attended the Executive Committee meeting on April 8th.
- Director Gustafson attended the Phillips Village board meeting on April 7th.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

President's Activities:

- Rural Nebraska Economic Development:
Stakeholders in Public Power will be meeting at a local level with the economic development team for the state. This is being organized along with Rick at NREA. The District's next steps will be to build relationships with various stakeholders in this area and become part of the economic development conversation here in Nebraska.
- District Meeting to Discuss Norman Bay's Review of 2026 WPC in York:
A joint meeting was held to discuss the findings of the review. There were also two speakers that attended this meeting online to discuss their experiences.

Additional Items:

- NPPD held a Load Queue meeting on Thursday, April 2nd. This meeting is a review of the New Load Queue process.
- NPPD Financials:
January financials were not available at the time of the meeting.

- **Legislative:**
LB1010 – Development of private battery storage with amendments; LB1064 and LB1111.
LB1261 – Prohibit the use of eminent domain to acquire certain privately owned thermal electric generation facilities, have both been placed on Final Reading.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
NREA Quarterly Meeting in Norfolk on May 6th & 7th.

A motion was duly moved by Director Benson, seconded by Director Katzberg to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves going into executive session at 10:40 a.m. for discussions pertaining to NPPD contract issues.

Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

A motion was duly moved by Director Grove, seconded by Director Gustafson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves coming out of executive session at 12:20 p.m.

Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

**LUNCH RECESSED AT 12:25 P.M.,
THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:00 P.M. IN OPEN SESSION.**

Operations Report:

- Operations Manager Zeb Graham stated the area offices continue to work on 2026 Budget projects, osmose poles, fixing hot spots in subs, line inspections and tree trimming.
- The Construction Crew completed the four-mile Fairview project, installed a three-way switch at the Bloomington sub, framed poles east of Central City and replaced a three-way switch north of the Phillips East Sub.
- Mechanics have been working on routine oil changes and repairing equipment, completed the new framing truck for Central City and is currently framing a truck for the Construction Crew.
- CRC reported over 554 customer calls with an average of a 72 second wait time and dispatched 83 calls to District linemen in the month of March.
- Zeb attended the NPPD Central City Conversion project meeting, the NPPD New 115 Line Project meeting and the Outage Management System meeting.

Engineering Report:

- Engineering Manager Travis Dahlin gave an update on current District projects including Sub-T projects, expansion, switchgear installation and potential development projects.

Energy Services Report:

- Energy Service Manager Sam Reinke attended, along with District staff and various Directors, village board meetings through the month of March and the beginning of April. Sam also attended the Outage Management System training.
- During the month of March, the District issued two (2) water heaters and provided incentives totaling \$2,949 to customers through the Energy Efficiency Program. Year-to-date, Energy

Efficiency incentives totaled \$32,857 and has provided \$3,300 in Efficient Electrification incentives during March.

- Sam gave updates on new services that were accrued and a well progress report for the month of March.
- There were no SPP events that took place in the month of March.
- The Irrigation Department continues to receive Irrigation Interruptible Service agreements and is working on the Irrigation Newsletter that will go out the first part of May. The department is still accepting irrigation service applications for new/upgrading wells.

Communications and Public Relations Report:

- Communications Manager Amanda Groff reviewed the District's upcoming social platform and marketing promotions for the month of April.
- The Operation Round Up Board will meet on April 14th to discuss and review the 25 applications that have been received for the first quarter.
- Lineworker Appreciation meals are planned at the five area offices throughout the week of April 13th.
- The Social Committee will be meeting to start planning a summer family fun event.

Safety Report:

- Operations Manager Zeb Graham reported that there were no personnel or vehicle claims for the month of March.
- Safety meetings were held at each area office with the completion of the District's annual inspections.
- Safety Manager Todd Bailey attended the NREA Safety Director meeting in Kearney and also conducted crew observations.

CUSTOMER REPORTS:

DIRECTORS:

- There were no Director reports.

MANAGEMENT:

- CEO Waldow reported on potential economic development interests at Energy Park with the District attaining a site visit from an ag manufacturing facility in May.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Director Rohrich reported that all funds were adequately covered by FDIC insurance and joint custody receipts.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Charge Off Uncollectible Accounts

CEO Waldow provided a review of accounts recommended for charge-off. CEO Waldow reported that the list of recommended charge-offs totaled \$631.50.

A motion was duly moved by Director Bergman, seconded by Director Kieborz to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves charge-offs of delinquent accounts totaling \$631.50 as recommended by management.
Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

Contract for Cleaning Suspended Ceiling as a result of Roof Construction

Energy Service Manager Sam Reinke reviewed and compared estimates from Paul Davis Restoration and C-Tech Restoration in relation to the cleaning of the suspended ceiling.

A motion was duly moved by Director Benson, seconded by Director Klute to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves accepting the contract from C-Tech Restoration for the cleaning of the suspended ceiling as a result of the roof construction as requested by management.
Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

Lineman Scholarships

CEO Waldow presented six (6) scholarships for the Lineman Scholarship Program for the year 2026. The six applicants include: Levi Russell from Clarks, Vance Smith and Gavin Ruether from Grand Island, Jack Scheibel from Campbell, Korey Poppe from Sutton and Colton Hannon from Doniphan.

A motion was duly moved by Director Jacobitz, seconded by Director Grove, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves awarding six (6) lineman scholarships for the year 2026. The recipients being: Levi Russell from Clarks, Vance Smith and Gavin Ruether from Grand Island, Jack Scheibel from Campbell, Korey Poppe from Sutton and Colton Hannon from Doniphan.
Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

Resolution for Lineman Appreciation Day

A motion was duly moved by the Board of Directors, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Southern Public Power District’s linemen are responsible for building and maintaining a complex system of more than 6,182 miles of subtransmission and distribution lines, which contributes to the livelihood of our region and the local economy as electricity is delivered to homes, businesses, farms, churches and schools; and

WHEREAS, the electrical grid must be maintained and operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and three hundred sixty-five days a year in all weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the District’s 52 linemen have demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication to safe work practices, while building and maintaining the electric grid and learning new skills as new technologies are introduced into their profession; and

WHEREAS, the linemen of Southern Public Power District risk their lives daily to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to the customers, and are deserving of honor, respect and gratitude of the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board of the Southern Public Power District, recognize the significant contributions and efforts of our linemen who work in

challenging conditions to power a brighter future for our customers, and we express our appreciation to them, as we recognize April 13, 2026, as Lineman Appreciation Day.

Roll call vote: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Director Choquette)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

The next Quarterly Union Meeting will be incorporated with the upcoming Safety Meeting which will be held on April 28th.

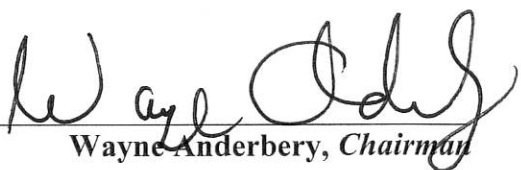
NREA Quarterly meeting in Norfolk – May 6th and 7th.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Joel Kuehn, *Secretary*



Wayne Anderbery, *Chairman*