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Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) Working Meeting
January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM @ Panther Activity Center (PAC)
630 Orchard Street Lodgepole, NE 69149

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office (PAC), Lodgepole Post Office, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, and published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

Called to order by Chair Savely 6:25 PM.

Present: Chair RJ Savely, Brenda Parsons, Attorney Jerry Ostdeik. By phone: Mark Bartling. Absent: Gwen Devie, Samuel Cheramie. Guests: NPPD's General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Retail Business Manager, Operation's Superintendent, Customer Service Leader, and Account Manager.

Board chair informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster and the Board's right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

Chair opened the floor for community comments and informed the public that the Board could not discuss or act at this time on any matter presented. No community comments presented.

Approval of agenda set aside as the board did not have a quorum present.

NPPD requested a working meeting to provide an overview of action items and timelines required for NPPD to lease the Village of Lodgepole's electrical system.

Discussion regarding implementing the Retail Professional Operation's (PRO) agreement with NPPD. NPPD is targeting November 1, 2024 as the effective date for the agreement. This date will be made official through a resolution at a later meeting. Before the agreement becomes effective, NPPD will need to install all new electric meters. The WAPA-RMR contract will need to be reassigned to NPPD as of the PRO agreement's effective date. Also discussed were the communications methods NPPD will use to communicate the dates the new meters are installed, the need for a signed franchise agreement, the development of an updated corporate limits map, the system walk-down, the review studies and testing NPPD will conduct, that ownership of the substations remains with the Village and NPPD will maintain them, NPPD's GIS/OMS systems, how residents can access NPPD's contact center and information about their bills, the communication timelines and methods NPPD will use to explain their new role in Lodgepole. The Board was asked how they would like to receive monthly updates from NPPD. No decision was made.

The clerk was asked to contact maintenance/utility job applicants to schedule interviews for the afternoon of January 31, 2024.

Next regular board meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7 PM at the PAC.

Adjourned 8:03 PM

Submitted February 20, 2024. Tanya Engel, Clerk/Treasurer.