



Unapproved Minutes
Services Committee Meeting
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd. Kearney, NE, 68845
May 21, 2025

The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Services Committee met on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, beginning at 3:19 p.m. (CT), at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Road in Kearney, Nebraska, the designated meeting site. Notice of the meeting was given to committee members by e-mail, and the public was advised by publication both print and online in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper and website on May 5, 2025. The notice and agenda were posted upon issuance at the NMPP Energy office, 8377 Glynoaks Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, and kept continually current and available for public inspection. Meeting information and the current version of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were made available on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Hinton called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. (CT). Pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and made available to the public.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was declared with four of seven committee members and the ex-officio in attendance.

1. Kirby Bridge - Alliance, NE
2. James DePue - Wray, CO
3. Bill Hinton - Kimball, NE
4. Duane Hoffman - Oxford, NE

Absent: Sandra Hendren - Mitchell, NE, Mike Palmer - Sidney, NE, and Janine Schmidt - Morrill, NE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Public Comment Period was announced, and a review of the rules applicable to the public participation process at MEAN public meetings was provided. There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting were previously distributed and included as Attachment A of the meeting packet. There were no changes to the minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MEAN Services Committee will be held on August 20, 2025, at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Rd. in Kearney, Nebraska.

Consent Resolution

Motion: James DePue moved to approve the following Consent Resolution. Kirby Bridge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MEAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain business of the Services Committee of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of a controversial nature; and,

WHEREAS, roll-call votes on each individual issue greatly extended the meeting time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEAN Services Committee that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska, which requires roll-call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Services Committee that the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Services Committee that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd., Kearney, Nebraska.

SERVICES UPDATES

MEAN Master Services Agreement Development

Presenter: Michelle Lepin, General Counsel

An overview of the new Master Services Agreement that is in development by MEAN was presented. Roll-out of the new Master Services Agreement will take some time but is anticipated later in the year.

Discussion on Potential Shared Distribution Services

Brad Hans, Director of Wholesale Electric Operations

Potential options regarding operation, maintenance, and construction support for the electrical distribution systems of MEAN member communities was presented. Meeting with members and third-party resources took place to gather information and assess member interest and their community's needs. Potential options for shared distribution services included Contractor/3rd Party, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), Joint Action Agency (JAA) Model, and Multi-Community with a MEAN employee as Lead Lineman or Project Coordinator.

Cyber Security Grant Status

Presenter: Dave Russell, Director of Governmental Affairs and Digital Solutions

The committee was informed that MEAN was notified in March that the Cyber Security Grant funding would be indefinitely delayed. Pricing models are being developed to determine what the program would cost for MEAN to provide the services without grant funding.

SCADA Communication Services

David Russell, Director of Governmental Affairs and Digital Solutions

A new SCADA communication service developed by MEAN to ensure secure, reliable, and efficient data transmission for energy facilities to maintain real-time connectivity and data was discussed. The service is currently being used by Sandhills Energy to communicate real-time data to WAPA and was also designed to support member communities and their communication needs, and the service is scalable.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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