Unapproved Minutes
Services Committee Meeting
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd. Kearney, NE, 68845
August 19, 2026

The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Services Committee met on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 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 in print and online in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper and website on August 4, 2026. 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 Duane Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. (CT). Pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Chair Hoffman announced the location in the meeting room of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act that was available for public inspection.

ROLL CALL
A quorum was declared with five of seven committee members and ex-officio Tom Ourada in attendance.

1. Kirby Bridge – Alliance, NE
2. Nate Francis – Fairbury, NE
3. Duane Hoffman – Oxford, NE
4. Doug Linton – Fort Morgan, CO
5. Janine Schmidt – Morrill, NE

Absent: James DePue – Wray, CO; Blake Waldow – Broken Bow, 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 January 21, 2026 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 November 18, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Rd. in Kearney, Nebraska. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting may be held virtually.

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 January 21, 2026 meeting are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Services Committee that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd. Kearney, Nebraska. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting may be held virtually.

SERVICES UPDATES
Bruce Doll, Director of Utility Services and Member Relations, presented updates on three active member services, the introduction of new program initiatives and a proposed Distinguished Service Award Program.

Heartland Municipal Lineworkers Training Conference: The three-day conference will be taking place September 29 – October 1, 2026 at the Heartland Public Power Training Site and is designed to emphasize hands-on training. There are currently fifty-seven people registered for the conference, representing twenty-seven different municipalities, so it will be a great networking opportunity for those in attendance. The registration link for anyone still wanting to register for the conference is https://www.nmppenergy.org/municipal-lineworkers-conference

Safety Roundtables: MEAN held its first Safety Roundtable in June, covering incident reviews, emergency preparedness, best practices, and workforce development, with the next scheduled for October and will be held twice a year going forward.

City Council and Utility Board Workshops: MEAN recently conducted an inaugural workshop for a MEAN participant. The workshops are an opportunity to introduce newly elected officials to MEAN and member services, review public power governance and leadership responsibilities, and discuss utility finance, safety, reliability, and long-term planning, and are now available to all MEAN participants on request.

Utility Software Advancement Program: The program's purpose is to incentivize modernizing utility operations through technology and offers up to $2,000 in reimbursements per eligible utility for software improvements in areas such as GIS, outage management, metering, analytics, and cybersecurity. Applications are currently being accepted.

Managed IT and Cybersecurity Services Program The program is a new offering designed specifically for public power communities. The program provides scalable, three-tier service options to strengthen participant resilience through reliable IT support and practical cybersecurity protection. Engagement follows a structured three-step process: beginning with a comprehensive cybersecurity and network assessment to identify risks and prioritize recommendations; followed by addressing critical gaps and developing a tailored protection plan; and concluding with tool deployment, monitoring configuration, staff training, and transition to ongoing managed support.

Shared Distribution Services Initiative: Progress exploring a regional operations and maintenance model program for MEAN participants continues. Coordination with City Light and Power to refine the program structure is ongoing as staff refines the service model, governance structure, and implementation approach. The project is advancing through NMPP Energy's Project Management Office (PMO) review process, and the committee was advised that further updates will be provided as the initiative develops.

Distinguished Service Award: Bob Poehling, CEO/Executive Director, lead a discussion on development of a formal award program used to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to MEAN and NMPP Energy. An additional meeting will be scheduled in the next two months to discuss an award name, eligibility and selection criteria, the nomination and selection process, and to develop recommendations for the board's consideration at the November 2026 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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