

Minutes  
Virtual Conference  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
Executive Committee Meeting  
National Public Gas Agency  
In-Person Meeting Site: 8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, NE  
February 6, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. (CT)

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) met on Thursday, February 6, 2025, via virtual conference. Notice of the meeting was given to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee by email. The public was advised by publication in print and online in the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper and website on January 28, 2025, and on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website. The notice and agenda were posted upon issuance at the NMPP Energy office, the designated public meeting site, 8377 Glynoaks Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, and kept continually current and available for public inspection. Instructions to join the meeting via Go To Meeting virtual conference were provided in the public notice. All documents considered at the meeting and the current version of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were made available on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website.

**NPGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Chris Anderson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Anderson announced that 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. It was also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

**Roll Call**

Quorum was declared with 9 of the 14 Directors in attendance, whether in-person or virtual. As there was quorum for the Board of Directors, a meeting of the Executive Committee was not called.

Quorum = 7 Directors

Alma, NE	Russ Pfeil
Belleville, KS	Russ Piroutek
Central City, NE	Chris Anderson
Fort Morgan, CO	Brent Nation <b>Virtual</b>
Lyons, NE	Terry Ueding
Pender, NE	Glen Gralheer
Stuart, NE	Bob Lockmon
Trinidad, CO	Steve Curro <b>Virtual</b>
Walsenburg, CO	Calvin Aguirre <b>Virtual</b>

Also in attendance: Kent Fleischmann, Alma, NE

Absent: Auburn, KS; Falls City, NE; Stromsburg, NE; Superior, NE; Wisner, NE

### Public Comment

Chairperson Anderson asked if there were members of the public in attendance who would like to make agenda comments. There were no public comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Minutes

Minutes of the December 12, 2024, meeting were previously distributed as Attachment A.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors is set for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the NMPP Energy offices, Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### Financial Report

November and December 2024 financials were previously distributed. Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting, reviewed December financials for NPGA and November financials for the NMPP Energy organizations, which were previously distributed as Attachment B.

#### FORVIS Pre-Audit Communication Letter

A copy of the Pre-Audit Communication Letter from Forvis Mazars was previously distributed as Attachment C, which provided an overview of the upcoming audit process.

#### Consent Resolution

*Motion: Russ Piroutek, Belleville, KS, moved to approve the following Resolution. Bob Lockmon, Stuart, NE, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote. (Calvin Aguirre did not vote).*

#### *Consent Resolution*

*WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of a controversial nature; and*

*WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency 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:*

1. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the minutes of the December 12, 2024, meeting are hereby approved as presented; and*
2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the NMPP Energy offices, Lincoln, Nebraska; and*
3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the financial statements for November and December 2024, are hereby reviewed and accepted; and*
4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the pre-audit communication letter is hereby accepted.*

## **REPORTS**

### Executive Director

Bob Poehling, Executive Director, provided an update on federal changes affecting the energy sector and the NMPP Energy Annual Conference.

### Director of Gas Operations

Poehling provided the Director of Gas Operations report and discussed industry and pipeline updates, Nebraska Legislative bill LB548, and provided a gas market outlook.

### Gas Operations Controller

Jamie Barrett, Gas Operations Controller, provided NYMEX and basis outlooks, gas supply and capacity savings, and discussed Winter Storm Enzo.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 NET REVENUE INCLUDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 MEMBER FEE**

Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting, discussed Year-End Projections for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Attachment D). No action was taken by the board.

## **BUDGET AND RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND MODIFICATIONS TO GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR TOTAL REQUIREMENTS SUPPLY REVISED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES**

Johnson reviewed the budget and rates for fiscal year 2025-2026 and discussed modifications to the Gas Supply Agreement for Total Requirements Supply Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges. Analysis was provided with the meeting packet as Attachments D and E.

*Motion: Bob Lockmon, Stuart, NE, moved to approve the following Resolution. Terry Ueding, Lyons, NE, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.*

## **BUDGET & RATES RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS, the NPGA Board of Directors is authorized to establish rates and charges for gas supply and other services and transactions in furtherance of the stated objectives and purposes of NPGA, which rates and charges will be sufficiently timely to pay or reimburse NPGA for expenses (including, without limitation, principal of and interest on bonded or other indebtedness) incurred on behalf of the Members; and,*

*WHEREAS, the NPGA Board of Directors is authorized to annually adopt and monitor a budget of revenues and expenses; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Budget and Rates for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026, packet was previously sent to the NPGA Board of Directors; and,*

*WHEREAS, the NPGA Board of Directors is authorized to set the rates for the Gas Supply Agreement for Total Requirements Supply.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the NPGA Board of Directors that:*

- 1. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as set forth in the Budget and Rates for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026, is hereby approved and made a part of the official Minutes folder.*
- 2. The Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Gas Supply Agreement for Total Requirements Supply is hereby approved as presented to become effective April 1, 2025, with a total Fiscal Year Member Fee as shown on Attachment 1 to the Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges and shall be made a part of the official Minutes folder. Furthermore, said rate structure shall remain in effect until duly modified.*
- 3. NPGA Staff is hereby authorized and directed to prepare Attachment 1 (Member Fee per BG Participant) to the Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges based on the total Fiscal Year Member Fee amount determined by this resolution, which Attachment 1 shall be made a part of the official Minutes folder.*
- 4. NPGA staff is hereby authorized and directed to bill the Member Fee as noted on Attachment 1 subject to the applicable Resolutions by the NPGA Board of Directors.*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following nominations by email were received for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer on the NPGA Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025-2026: Chairperson – Chris Anderson, Central City, NE; Vice Chairperson – Bob Lockmon, Stuart, NE; Secretary-Treasurer – Randy Woldt, Wisner, NE.

The floor was opened for additional nominations for the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer. There were no additional nominations.

*Motion: Brent Nation, Fort Morgan, CO, moved to close nominations, accept the slate of nominees for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer positions, and elect the slate as presented: Chris Anderson as Chairperson, Bob Lockmon as Vice Chairperson, and Randy Woldt as Secretary-Treasurer. Terry Ueding, Lyons, NE, seconded the motion which carried unanimously via voice acclamation.*

#### **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Article V. Committees, of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of NPGA:

“Section 1. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the chairperson, vice-chairperson and three directors to be appointed by the chairperson of NPGA.”  
The following individuals were appointed by the Chairperson to the Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

- Randy Woldt, Wisner, NE
- Lenard Schaefer, Stromsburg, NE
- Brent Nation, Fort Morgan, CO

#### **ELECTION OF AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

The following nomination by email was received for At-Large Representative to the Joint Operating Committee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

- Brent Nation, Fort Morgan, CO

The floor was opened for additional nominations for At-Large Representative to the Joint Operating Committee. There were no additional nominations.

*Motion: Russ Piroutek, Belleville, KS, moved to cease nominations and vote via voice acclamation for the nominee, Brent Nation, as At-Large Representative to the Joint Operating Committee. Bob Lockmon, Stuart, NE, seconded the motion which carried unanimously via voice acclamation.*

#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Kara Hunt, Government Affairs and Project Manager, discussed legislative bills to monitor and informed the Board of NMPP Energy’s Legislative Bill Tracker.

#### **CONTRACTS AND GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Information regarding the following executed agreement was included in the meeting packet:

<b>Other Party</b>	<b>Agreement Name</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Termination Date</b>
Forvis Mazars, LLP	Engagement Letter for Audit 2025	1/13/2025	Terminates upon completion and payment, or upon notice

#### General Counsel Report:

Michelle Lepin, General Counsel, summarized changes to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act that went into effect January 1, 2025.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is requiring certain electric providers and all natural gas providers serving residential customers to complete Form EIA-112 - Residential Utility Disconnections Survey. The form is a mandatory survey that collects information on retail customer counts, final notices, disconnections due to bill nonpayment, and reconnections.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Anderson reported the American Public Gas Association (APGA) board met in Washington D.C. and also provided background information on LB548. Chairperson Anderson noted the dates of upcoming NPGA Board of Directors meetings.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Chairperson Anderson reminded members to forward any additional agenda items to NPGA staff for inclusion in the next agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: Bob Lockmon, Stuart, NE, moved to adjourn the meeting. Russ Piroutek, Belleville, KS, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Recorded by:  
Laurie Keiser  
Administrative Assistant

Submitted by:  
Bob Lockmon  
Vice Chairperson