Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
Public Alliance for Community Energy
Younes Conference Center South
416 W Talmadge St, Kearney, NE 68845
May 20, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. (CT)

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) met on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge St, Kearney, Nebraska, 68845. 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 May 5, 2026, and on the NMPP Energy website. 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. All documents being 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Andrew Devine, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Devine 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.

ROLL CALL

Quorum was declared with 22 of the 76 Directors present. As there was quorum for the Board of Directors, a meeting of the Executive Committee was not called.
Quorum = 19 Directors

1. Albion – Andrew Devine	12. Loup City – AJ Reimers
2. Alliance – Kirby Bridge	13. McCook – Gene Weedin
3. Arapahoe – Dixie Sickels	14. Minden – Michael Krings
4. Bartley – Ronni Harding	15. Morrill – Janine Schmidt
5. Bridgeport – Mark Wickard	16. Neligh – Leonard Miller
6. Broken Bow – Blake Waldow (Arrived after roll call)	17. NPPD – Grant Flamig
7. Chappell – Todd Rust	18. Ord – Jeramie VanLeer
8. Franklin – Raquel Felzien	19. Oshkosh – Kim Martin
9. Gibbon – Matt Smallcomb	20. Oxford – Duane Hoffman
10. Gothenburg – Gary Greer	21. Plainview – Jeremy Tarr
11. Holdrege – Chris Rector	22. Saint Paul – Jerry Woodgate

Absent: Ainsworth, Ansley, Atkinson, Bassett, Bayard, Beaver City, Benedict, Benkelman, Bertrand, Blue Hill, Brady, Burwell, Cairo, Cambridge, Chadron, Clay Center, Cozad, Creighton, Curtis, Dalton, Edgar, Edison, Gering, Gordon, Gurley, Hartington, Hemingford, Henderson, Holbrook, Indianola, Kimball, Laurel, Lewellen, Long Pine, Loomis, Lyman, Mitchell, Ogallala, Orleans, Osmond, Paxton, Potter,

Ravenna, Red Cloud, Rushville, Sargent, Scottsbluff, Shelton, Sidney, Spalding, Stamford, Terrytown, Wausa, and Wood River

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Devine announced the new representatives to the board and thanked all for being in attendance.

VILLAGE OF WINSIDE MEMBERSHIP

The Village of Winside, Nebraska, has initiated the steps for membership in ACE and requests acceptance in the Public Alliance for Community Energy by the Board of Directors. Staff recommended the ACE Board of Directors accept the Village of Winside, Nebraska (Village), as a Member of ACE, subject to receipt of all necessary documents from the Village.

Motion: *Chris Rector moved to approve the following Resolution. Mark Wickard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Did not vote: Blake Waldow*

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Public Alliance for Community Energy that the Village of Winside, Nebraska, be accepted as a participant in the Public Alliance for Community Energy Interlocal Agreement and as a member of ACE, subject to receipt of all necessary documents from the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting were previously distributed as Attachment A. There were no changes to the minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ACE Board of Directors is set for Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South, Kearney, Nebraska.

Financial Report

Kyle Kaldahl, Financial Manager, reviewed year-end financial results for the NMPP Energy organizations and ACE, previously distributed as Attachment B.

Audited Financial Statements and the Audit Communication Letter for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2026, were included in the meeting packet as Attachments C and D, respectively. ACE financials for March 2026 were included within the Audited Financial Statements.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion: *Dixie Sickels moved to approve the following Resolution. Gene Weedin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Did not vote: Blake Waldow*

Consent Resolution

WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Directors of the Public Alliance for Community Energy 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 Public Alliance for Community Energy 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 Public Alliance for Community Energy that the minutes of the March 19, 2026, Board of Directors meeting are hereby approved as presented; and*

2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Public Alliance for Community Energy that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South, Kearney, Nebraska; and*

3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Public Alliance for Community Energy that the financial statements for March 2026 are hereby reviewed and accepted; and*

4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Public Alliance for Community Energy that the audited financial statements and the auditor's report to the Board of Directors and Management for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026, are hereby accepted.*

DIRECTOR OF GAS OPERATIONS REPORT AND RETAIL GAS SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

Closed Session

Motion: *AJ Reimers moved to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss proprietary and competitive information relating to ACE marketing and pricing. ACE reps, alt reps, any ACE Member community employee or elected official, as well as any NMPP Staff member may participate in the closed session. Matt Smallcomb seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Did not vote: Blake Waldow*

Devine restated on record that the limitation of the subject matter of the discussion was proprietary and competitive information relating to ACE marketing and pricing.

The board went into closed session at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:50 a.m. There was no action taken during or as a result of the closed session.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kara Hunt, Government Affairs & Project Manager, provided an overview of the Nebraska legislative session and reminded board members of the NMPP Energy Bill Tracker.

CONTRACTS AND GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

Other Party	Agreement Name	Effective Date	Termination Date
Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division LLC	Carbon Offset Rider to Carbon Offset Agreement	04/07/2026	Purchase Periods are 6/1/26-5/31/27 and 6/1/27-5/31/28
Interactive Information Research and Development, L.L.C. (i2rd) d/b/a Proteus, Inc.	Software Maintenance Agreement for ACE Therms Application (2026-2027)	04/01/2026	03/31/2027

General Counsel Report:

Michelle Lepin, General Counsel, informed the Board that Black Hills Energy is issuing refunds to Nebraska customers. The refunds, approved by the Nebraska Public Service Commission, return the difference between interim rates and final, approved rates.

Updates regarding the pending merger between Black Hills Corp. and NorthWestern Energy were provided. Nebraska is the first state to approve the merger, with pending approval in Montana and South Dakota. The merger is anticipated to conclude in the second half of 2026.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission will hold a workshop on the Nebraska Choice Gas program on June 30 at 2:00 PM (CT), with a virtual option.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Devine reminded Directors to forward any additional agenda items to ACE staff so they may be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie Keiser, Administrative Assistant

Submitted by:
Chris Rector, Secretary-Treasurer
ACE Board of Directors