

**Lincoln County Power District No. 1**  
**Panaca, Nevada**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln County Power District No. 1 (Lincoln County Power) duly held at 201 Bullionville Road, Panaca, Nevada at 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 2025.

Posted notice of the meeting and agenda at the following locations on July 8, 2025, in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law Minimum Public Notice requirements: Lincoln County Courthouse, U.S. Post Office at Pioche, Lincoln County Telephone System Office, Lincoln County Power Office, Panaca Market, and the U.S. Post Office at Panaca.

President Richard Katschke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following were present: President Richard Katschke, Board Members Lorin Wilkin, Cory Wadsworth, and Paul Donohue. Staff members present were General Manager Dane Bradfield, Engineering and Operations Manager Kyle Donohue, Construction Manager Dell O'Connor, Clerk Louise Carlson, Office Manager Missy Cheeney. Other guests include Ken Maxwell with Alamo Power District, Shane Mathews with Mathews Farms, Collin Bowler with C&L Farm and Cattle, Chuck and Fawn Hulet with CF Hulet Ranch, Dan and John Mathews with Flatnose Ranch, and Paul Mathews with Cannon Ranch.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance:** Richard Katschke led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. Confirmation of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law's Minimum Public Notice requirements:** Dane Bradfield stated that Lincoln County Power had posted the agenda in conformance with the Nevada open meeting law posting requirements.

**C. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**D. Minutes of meeting held on June 9, 2025 (for Possible Action):** Cory Wadsworth made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lorin Wilkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**E. Consideration of PPAC deferral for Requesting Customers (for Possible Action):** Dane Bradfield stated that Shane Mathews requested a follow-up regarding last year's PPAC meeting. Shane expressed that he had believed the PPAC would go away. He highlighted concerns about local electricity rates being notably higher than those in neighboring counties. The overall message reflects concerns about financial strain and a push for more competitive and predictable power costs. Dane Bradfield stated LCPD1 researched Deseret Power in 2017 but ruled it out due to the inability to connect and move power from Deseret to LCPD. This is a significant issue because the infrastructure to deliver power is prohibitively expensive. Dane mentioned meeting with Clay about a year ago, and it appears that AEPCO is still the most cost-effective option for LCPD. The connection with ACES/AEPCO, another cooperative, already has the infrastructure in place. There was some additional discussion regarding Hoover Generation, Lake Mead water levels affecting

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hydroelectric power generation. Dane Bradfield explained the PPAC forecast Process, how rates, forecasts, and purchasing hedging to ensure fair pricing. There was some discussion about LCPD1 load, solar, the ongoing rate study, and creating an interruptible rate. Shane stated his irrigator requests to defer PPAC charges, re-evaluate Deseret Power with Clay, and establish an interruptible rate program. Lorin Wilkin made a motion to defer PPAC charges until December 26, 2025 at customer request. Cory Wadsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**F. LCPD1 – AEPCO Contract for TO/TOP Services (for Possible Action):** Dane Bradfield presented a template of a draft agreement for Transmission Owner/Transmission Operator services. To operate transmission lines connected to the Estuary Solar project, LCPD1 must now adhere to Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) regional criteria, and National Electric Reliability Council (NERC) oversight standards. Both WECC and NERC set rigorous standards for reliability, safety, and operational coordination. AEPCO will enable LCPD1 to meet these requirements. Will meet with WECC to go over this Transmission Operator Services contract. No action taken.

**G. Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club Lease Agreement (Discussion):** Dane Bradfield explained, Matt Elmer is looking to extend the reach of the county's ham radio range. Installing repeaters on Ella and Highland will enable them to team up with LC Emergency Management. There was some discussion about radio channels, and equipment.

Cory Wadsworth made a motion to close the open session. Lorin Wilkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**H. Legal Discussion with Holland & Hart (Closed Session - Discussion):**

Paul Donohue made a motion to open the session. Lorin Wilkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**I. Items Related to Agenda Item H (for Possible Action):** No action taken.

**J. Review of Policy 301 & 302 (for Possible Action):** Dane went through Policy 301. There was some discussion about District boundaries. The Board agreed to make no changes. No action taken.

**K. General Manager's Report. (Discussion):** Dane discussed the following with the Board:



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- Hedging with AEPCO will be \$63/MW for 2026, still well below open market prices. Staying with current membership until something changes.
- Irrigation prices comparisons needed with other utilities.
- WECC registration meeting today, will take 1 year.
- Registered last fall for GM training which is this month.
- RNDC executed 2025 agreement.
- Estuary agreement copies cut-off signatures. Will need Richard Katschke to sign new one.

**L. Construction and Maintenance Manager's Report (Discussion):** Dell O'Connor discussed the following with the Board:

- Outages this month caused by birds and lightning.
- One crew working on Panaca underground project.
- One crew working on Bristol maintenance.
- Installed 3 new services, and custom in Caliente.

**M. Engineering and Operations Manager's Report (Discussion):** Kyle Donohue discussed the following with the Board:

- Hired two summer helpers, keeping them busy.
- Programming SCADA for Mesa Substation.
- Working on communication with NV Energy on Escape substation.
- Pole testing and mapping.
- Tagging poles.
- Estuary in final phase.
- Lots of estimate coming in.
- Atlanta mines looking to double their load.
- Added a collector at Acoma.

**N. Administrative Manager's Report (Discussion):** Missy Cheeney discussed the following with the Board:

- June Irrigation revenue lower and Residential higher than last year.
- Balance sheet is looking good.
- Discussed some investment possibilities.
- Went through the income statement.
- Presented Estuary's first billing statement.

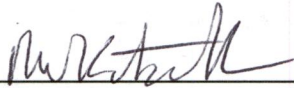
**O. Directors Comments:** Richard Katschke discussed his visit to Estuary.

**P. Future agenda items:** Policy 302, fault use agreement, and KRTA's.

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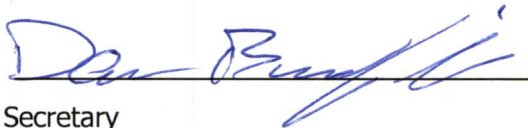
**Q.    Public Comment:** Ken Maxwell stated his awareness of what LCPD1 does for all customers in the entire county. Sincerely appreciate your efforts.

**R.    Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.



Richard Katschke, President

Attest:



Dane Bradfield, Secretary