



MINUTES OF DISTRICT ENERGY CORPORATION BOARD Meeting held July 22, 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the District Energy Corporation (DEC) Board of Directors meeting held on July 22, 2025, at the Chambers Room in the County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper on July 15, 2025.

Board Members Present: Carl Eskridge, Sean Flowerday, Matt Schulte

Board Members Absent: Kim Morrow, Bennie Shobe

Others Present: David Levy, Jason Fortik, Nick Wischhof, Aaron Evans, Larry Balm, Dianne Dobrusky, Keith Snyder, Denise Parrott, Wade Leibbrandt, Kerin Peterson, Emily Koenig, Jeffrey Geist, Armando Lezama, Maeci Jackson, Jim Dutton, Meg Maloney/Kinect, Curt Donaldson/Public, Kathy Disney/Public

Chair Sean Flowerday called the meeting to order at 12:04pm. Flowerday stated that DEC conducts its meetings in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of the act is posted at the back of the room and with the Assistant Secretary.

Call to Order

Jason Fortik, LES Vice President of Power Supply and DEC Administrator, presented the Safety Briefing.

Safety Briefing

Chair Flowerday welcomed public comments. Curt Donaldson, representing himself as a Lincoln resident, took the podium and spoke about the potential benefits of district energy for upcoming projects with the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS). Donaldson asked the board if they would be open to making a motion to authorize DEC staff to initiate discussions with library staff regarding the new downtown library to explore opportunities and advantages of district energy and to explore the possibility of demand management, photovoltaics, and battery storage opportunities for LPS. The board agreed.

Public Comment

Chair Flowerday called for a motion. Director Matt Schulte made the motion and Director Carl Eskridge seconded. The vote to approve was:

Motion

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte
Absent: Morrow, Shobe

Chair Flowerday asked a motion to approve the April 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Eskridge made the motion and Director Schulte seconded. The vote to approve was:

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

**Motion for
Approval of
Minutes for 4/22/25**

Aaron Evans, Manager – District Energy, presented the management report. He gave details about DEC's Natural Gas Purchasing Program and then introduced Meg Maloney, Manager, Account Management with World Kinect Energy Services – the DEC fuels consultant. Maloney gave details about the services provided, including cost breakdowns, timelines, RFPs, and suppliers.

**Management Report &
World-Kinect Report**

Evans continued with an operations update, information about service interruptions, fuel costs compared to budget, and fuel usage compared to budget. Evans provided details about all capital projects, with more specific details regarding the CADF fluid cooler project and SBP DA vessel replacement. He discussed potential expansion opportunities, particularly the O Street project, the downtown library, and the convention center.

Chair Flowerday called for a motion to accept the Management Report. Motion was made by Director Schulte and seconded by Director Eskridge. The vote to approve was:

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

**Motion to Accept
Management Report**

Wade Leibbrandt, LES Finance Director and DEC CFO, presented the Financial Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2025. Leibbrandt provided data showing change in net position (73.7% above budget) and investment income (84.8% above budget). YTD revenue shows a variance from budget of +1.2%. YTD Sales show a heating variance of +4.1% and a cooling variance of +21.5%. YTD expenses are 7.1% below budget. Details of financial metrics and capital projects were also presented.

Financial Report

Chair Flowerday called for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion was made by Director Schulte and seconded by Director Eskridge. The vote to approve was:

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

**Motion to Accept
Financial Report**

Wade Leibbrandt presented the Semi-Annual Investment Report, giving details about DEC's investment portfolio which totals approx. \$11M. Leibbrandt also provided details about short and long-term yields. The DEC fund performance was compared to benchmark yields. DEC's portfolio allocations are in compliance with Policy 4 – for investment objectives, portfolio allocation limits and the requirement to receive three

**Semi-Annual Investment
Report**

bids for each investment request.

Chair Flowerday called for a motion to accept the Financial Report. **Motion to Accept Investment Report**
Motion was made by Director Eskridge and seconded by Director Schulte. The vote to approve was:

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

David Levy, DEC General Counsel, requested that the board go into Executive Session for the next agenda item – NSP bond contract negotiations and future status update. **Motion for Executive Session**

Chair Flowerday asked for the next line item – New Business - to be handled first. There being no new business, he called for a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was made by Director Eskridge and seconded by Director Schulte. The vote to approve was:

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

The board entered Executive Session at 12:59 pm.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:13 pm.

The next regular meeting of the DEC board will be on October 21st, 2025 at the LES Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Rd. The January 2026 and April 2026 meetings will be held at the County-City building. The meetings will all start at noon. **Next meeting**

Chair Flowerday called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Director Eskridge and seconded by Director Schulte. The vote to approve was: **Adjournment**

Aye: Flowerday, Eskridge, Schulte

Absent: Morrow, Shobe

The board was adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm.

Sean Flowerday, Board Chair

By: *Dianna Dobrusky*
Dianne Dobrusky, Assistant Secretary