



## NEAN Meeting Notice

**Date:** Thursday, January 14, 2010  
**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**Locations:** NPPD Video Conference Center  
Conference Call or NPPD Live Meeting

### **SPECIFIC RSVP required:**

Please notify DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz by **Thursday, January 7** as to which NPPD Video Conference Center you will attend or if you plan to participate by conference call or NPPD Live Meeting.

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The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m. Since meetings have been reduced to quarterly meetings, *it is important everyone attend*. NEAN meeting notes from previous meetings may be reviewed at NEAN's website: <http://www.nebraskaenergyassistance.org/agenda.minutes.html>.

### **Major Agenda Items Include:**

1. Approve minutes from October 7 meeting
2. Treasurer's Report/5013C Status – Cory Fuehrer
3. Committee Reports:
  - Energy Assistance Committee – Mike Kelly/Judi Martin
  - Energy Assistance Programs Reporting – Laura Demman
  - Data Gathering Report – Jan Davis
  - Energy Education Committee – Roger Hunt/Shirley Niemeyer
  - Public Relations/Fundraising – Judi Martin, Jan Davis et al
3. Other old business
4. Presentation by Dr. Shirley Niemeyer, UNL Extension: Report on Local Research Projects

**NPPD Video Locations:**

Columbus	1414 15 St., 1st floor video conference room
North Platte	402 E. State Farm Rd., Room 139
Lincoln	1327 H St., LGA large conference room
Kearney	900 4th Ave., Kearney east view room
Scottsbluff	515 1st Ave. (guests directed by CSDR staff in front office)

**Parking:** Free parking available around the buildings.

**Conference Call Information:** Conference call capability only through video conference sites. No separate conference call number will be available.

**Live Meeting:**

Here is the Live Meeting information you requested. Simply copy and paste one of the hyperlinks to the appropriate participants for the NEAN meeting in your **meeting notice as well as the AT&T teleconference number.**

**Dial in number: 866-331-0889 Participant code: 809420**

This is an on-going link so it can be used for all of your future NEAN meetings and can be joined anytime. You can upload documents prior to the meetings as well, so all of the presentations are in one location.

**PRESENTER LINK – Join the NEAN Meeting (Presenter) <<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/nppd/join?id=NEAN&role=present&pw=WR%3Fr%26n%3CC6>>**

**\*\*Please limit the number of presenters in a meeting. Someone can be promoted to a presenter if need be during a meeting.\*\***

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<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/help/HA101733831033.aspx>

Interested parties are invited to join us and learn how we can work together to meet the mission of the Nebraska Energy Assistance Network: To assist Nebraskans with their energy needs through education, advocacy and partnerships.

**NEAN Meeting – Lincoln, Columbus, North Platte and Kearney –  
NPPD Video Conference Centers – January 14, 2010, 9 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Wendy Patterson, The Salvation Army,  
Roger Hunt, Nebraska Public Power District  
Jan Davis, Black Hills Energy  
John Lefler, Black Hills Energy  
Jeremy Coffee, Heartland Family Service  
Krista Heineman – Goldenrod Hills Community Action  
Linda Sokol – North Central Public Power District  
Shirley Niemeyer, UNL Extension Service  
Nicole Brumbaugh, Nebraska Public Power District  
Carol Fritzler, Custer Public Power District  
April Gross, Custer Public Power District  
Char Reiman, SourceGas  
Ronda Jaeschke, SourceGas  
Lynn Schuler, Nebraska Propane Gas Association  
Cory Fuehrer, Nebraska Public Power District  
DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz, NorthWestern Energy  
Judi Martin, Omaha Public Power District  
Jennifer Johnston, Omaha Public Power District  
Rick Cheloha, Loup Power District  
Rick Hemphill, Elkhorn Rural, Stanton Co., Cedar-Knox PPD

- I.** Meeting called to order by DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz
  - a. Introductions and role
  - b. Minutes from October 7, 2009 General Meeting were deferred to next meeting
- II.** Treasurer’s Report presented and approved
  - a. Total deposits for October through December: \$1,941.67; total withdrawals: \$2,178.49; current balance: \$12,608.57; net decrease: \$236.82
- III.** Discussion on Board of Directors replacement position
  - a. Diane Vesely-Robb’s position
  - b. Should be filled by individual from a non-profit organization
  - c. Will be filled during annual meeting in April
- IV.** Annual Meeting Discussion
  - a. To be held in-person April 8, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - b. Cory Fuehrer has reserved NPPD’s large meeting room in York (907 W. 25 St.)
- V.** Membership Committee
  - a. Master information list being updated by Sharon Jefferson – OPPD
  - b. Separate e-mail is being prepared to invite all on the list to participate in annual meeting
  - c. Judi Martin will coordinate both projects
- VI.** Energy Assistance Committee
  - a. Mike Kelly and Judi Martin are coordinating with the Energy Education Committee to plan 2010 activities
  - b. Monthly conference calls are scheduled for the first Thursday of every month
  - c. Discussion regarding a bill before this Legislature requiring final notices be sent certified mail before utility disconnection for non-payment
- VII.** Volunteer utility data reporting
  - a. Jan Davis provided an update on the new, simplified reporting. April Gross of Custer Public Power District, requested a copy of the form be forwarded. Cory Fuehrer will provide.
- VIII.** Energy Education committee
  - a. Co-chairs Roger Hunt and Shirley Niemeyer discussed availability of the “Get a Head Start on Energy” DVD
  - b. Contact Judi Martin to obtain a copy of the Spanish version

- c. The North Carolina Extension Service has contacted Shirley to see if they might be able to get copies of the DVD and binders. The committee will put together a proposal to address financial contributions from those who receive the materials.
  - d. Shirley presented some of the data collected from the “Get a Head Start” program surveys.
- IX.** NEAN Exhibits
  - a. Judi Martin discussed NEAN’s exhibit at the recent housing summit
  - b. NEAN will pass on exhibiting at the upcoming Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Conference
  - c. NEAN will have an exhibit at the February 26, Walk for Warmth
  - d. Discussion held regarding promotional material and ordering more pens
- X.** Brainstorming
  - a. What does NEAN want to do with the data collected in the Head Start project? The Education Committee will summarize and present at our annual meeting
  - b. How does NEAN promote our program?
- XI.** Shirley Niemeyer shared information from the Nebraska Business Owners Association related to energy efficiency in their business operations.
- XII.** Discussion on future availability of Nebraska Public Power District’s video conference system for use by NEAN. Cory Fuehrer informed the group that these facilities would be available to support NEAN’s quarterly meetings.
- XIII.** Meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.
- XIV.** Next meeting – Annual Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Nebraska Public Power District’s York Operations Center, 907 W. 25 St., York, Nebraska