



**A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ISSUES OF
VARIOUS ELECTED OFFICES IN NEBRASKA**

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MUD Board Member

Responsibilities include:

- Set rates for water and gas
- Create and/or approve regulatory rules for the district
- Approve expenditures
- Approve employee hiring and terminations
- Set and/or approve district policy recommended by management
- Approve bargaining agreements (union contracts)
- Set wage and benefit packages for all non-union personnel

Upcoming issues:

- Infrastructure upgrade and replacement
Upgrading Omaha's oldest water plant (over 100 years) to new regulatory standards (both state and federal) as well as upgrading the facility to newer equipment; replacing old water and gas lines that have been in use for almost a century
- Working to encourage the use of compressed and liquefied natural gas as a vehicle fuel, as well as providing locations for fueling
- Working with the city of Omaha and other entities (OPPD, Cox Communications, etc) on sewer separation as mandated by the EPA

OPPD Director

Responsibilities include:

- Hiring of the president of the utility
- Approving annual budget
- Reviewing and approving any rate changes
- Approving any debt instruments

Upcoming issues:

- Getting approval from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- Getting Fort Calhoun plant up and running after last year's flood
- Making decisions on how best to comply with new EPA regulations on coal plants
Options include, possible closing of a plant, converting some to natural gas, and/or retrofitting emissions reduction equipment/technologies

Omaha Board of Education

Responsibilities include:

- Control of Omaha public schools and the retirement board of trustees
- Selection of administrators for both the school board and the retirement board of trustees
- Appointment and dismissal of employees, salary setting, course of study, selection of textbooks
- Up to four year contracts for the following; utility services, refuse disposal, transportation services, maintenance services, financial services, insurance, security, and general materials, supplies, equipment, and any collective bargaining with employee groups
- Appraisal of school achievements of educational purposes of the school system, as determined by the BOE
- Adopting a budget for the school year
- Preparing and publishing a body of policies and regulations for the school system
- Serve as an ambassador/advocate of Omaha Public Schools on district, state, and national levels; expected to be vigorous, knowledgeable, and articulate of OPS and its programs

Upcoming issues:

- Reviewing policies for revision or updating as necessary
- Budget preparation for 2012-2013 school year
- Hiring a new superintendent

PAPIO Missouri River NRD

Responsibilities include:

- Planning and developing for the recreational use of natural areas (trails, swimming areas-excluding pools)
- Watches over the natural resources to make sure they are not being used excessively
- Ensures growth of community development is sustainable
- Collaborates with other offices when natural resources are part of an issue programs
- Sponsors levees near Offutt AFB
- Helps with flood control
- Watches for soil erosion

Upcoming issues:

- Checking the levees sponsored by NRD for any damage from last year's flood
- Maintaining a level of sustainable growth so as to not over tax the taxpayers