

Stay Involved!



Summer 2026 Open Houses

July 22, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Ainsworth Community Building
606 East 4th Street
Ainsworth, NE

Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Rock County Community Center
308 East Highway 20
Bassett, NE



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Ainsworth Wind-Bassett 115kV Transmission Line Project

Project Update
May 2026

First Round of Open House Meetings Completed

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) recently hosted two public open houses, in Ainsworth and Bassett, to introduce and gather input on the planned Ainsworth-Bassett 115,000-kilovolt (115kV) transmission line. The feedback received during these meetings will be instrumental in determining the route of the transmission line.

Public Input Contributes to the Routing Process

NPPD appreciates those who attended the open houses or provided comments through the virtual open house. NPPD's Project Manager Daniel Weyer extended his gratitude to attendees and emphasized the importance of their comments. He said the feedback received will play an important role in the routing process.

"The information we receive from landowners about their properties is significant to the transmission line routing process," he said. "The feedback about the current use of the land, as well as future plans for the land, will help determine the most suitable line route."



NPPD Project Managers Daniel Weyer and Jason Hofer conversing with landowners.

Project Overview

The project consists of routing and siting a new 115kV transmission line from NPPD's existing Ainsworth Wind Substation located south of Ainsworth to the existing Bassett Substation located south of Bassett.

Need and Benefits

Provide enhanced reliability and resiliency for NPPD customers

Provide for a transmission path in north central Nebraska to serve future projected loads in the area

Address local area contingency events to support voltage levels from Ainsworth - Bassett - O'Neill

Meet projected reliability needs identified by the Southwest Power Pool Integrated Transmission Plan

Provide the most effective transmission alternative to meet the North American Electric Reliability Corporation reliability standards in this area

