

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**April 22, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held April 22, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. the District Headquarters at 11306 Road 32, Sidney Nebraska, pursuant to written notice to each of the Directors and publication in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Legal Notice #L22-248, on April 13, 2022. The agenda was emailed to the directors, posted in the lobby and board room at Wheat Belt’s headquarters, and the availability of the agenda at the District office was part of legal notice.

Directors present at the meeting:

|                   |   |                                      |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Stuart Morgan     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Jennifer Eckhardt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Toni Blomenkamp   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Sean Blackburn    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Marcus Milanuk    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Lacey Gulbranson, Earl Reilly, Ryan Borges, Jim Weeda, and Sharrell Keane.

Guests: Attorney Kendra Strommen and Jamie Weingart with JNW Consulting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by board President Brian Zimmerman, who noted the posting of a copy of the Open Meetings Law in the boardroom and who established a quorum was present. Sharrell Keane recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Moe Moffat.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Blackburn moved to approve the agenda; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

|                   |   |                             |  |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Stuart Morgan     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Jennifer Eckhardt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Toni Blomenkamp   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Sean Blackburn    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Marcus Milanuk    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |

Motion carried.

Morgan joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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### Bylaw Changes for Consent Agenda

Zimmerman discussed the need for a change to the bylaws to support the new consent agenda process. Milanuk moved to adopt the bylaws to allow for the use of a consent agenda; Blomenkamp seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

|                   |   |                             |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Jennifer Eckhardt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Toni Blomenkamp   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Sean Blackburn    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Marcus Milanuk    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Stuart Morgan     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Motion carried.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

- Item 1: Waive the reading of the Meeting Notice
  - Regular Board Meeting Notice April 22, 2022
- Item 2: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - March 25, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 3: Approve Policies with no Changes (C-27, C-28, C-29, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-5A)

Moffat moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Milanuk, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

|                   |   |                             |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Stuart Morgan     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Jennifer Eckhardt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Toni Blomenkamp   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Sean Blackburn    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Marcus Milanuk    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Motion carried.

### Introduction of Guests –

Introduction of Jamie Weingart, from JNW Consulting who will be arriving at 9:00 a.m.

### Public Comment Period

8:35 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. No comments were received.

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### Board Education

Gulbranson and Borges presented an overview of Secondary Underground containing current state ownership, history, and examples of other district practices. Next steps will be to present a list of scenarios with pro and con list at a future board meeting.

### Employee Engagement

Jamie Weingart of JNW Consulting joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m. and presented an overview of the past years progress on engagement and leadership coaching as well as what to expect for the remainder of 2022.

The board took a break from 9:57 – 10:01 a.m.

### Executive Session – FERC Litigation and Personnel Matters

Due to the sensitive nature of ongoing and potential litigation, Milanuk moved to enter executive session to discuss FERC litigation and personnel matters Eckhardt seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows

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| Marcus Milanuk    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Jennifer Eckhardt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Sean Blackburn    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Motion carried.

### Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 10:01 a.m., Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay.

Strommen left the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Blackburn made a motion to end the executive session at 10:41 a.m.; Moffat seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

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| Brian Zimmerman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Moe Moffat        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Stuart Morgan     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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**Safety Issues and Safety Meeting**

Reilly updated the board regarding the March Safety meeting.

**Department Reports**

Engineering and Construction – Reviewed by Borges

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Weeda

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Keane

**General Manager’s Report**

Gulbranson reviewed her report focusing on the following items as outlined in the board book:

- Potential new load
- City of Bridgeport
- Culture
- Legal and Regulatory

**FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement**

No additional actions were taken.

**Strategic Plan Update**

Gulbranson reviewed the strategic plan initiative overview and 3 plan along with the Mission, Vision and Values. A motion was made by Milanuk and seconded by Blackburn to approve the strategic plan and District Value statement with changes.

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The board discussed having board members involved as strategic oversight for each of the initiatives.

Culture – Eckhardt and Morgan  
Operational Efficiency – Milanuk and Zimmerman  
Safety – Blackburn and Moffat  
Customer Experience - Blomenkamp

### **Power Supply Report**

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book and gave an overview of the recent rate committee discussions.

### **Meeting reports**

Milanuk and Blackburn gave an update on the recent Tri-State annual meeting held in Westminster, CO.

### **Future Meetings and Trainings**

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed.

### **Delegations/Organizational Items**

The delegate list was reviewed. No further actions were taken.

### **Other Business**

Borges gave an update on the recent Lineman interview process. Indicating the position had been offered to and accepted by Austin Dormann with a May 16<sup>th</sup> start date.

The next regular board meeting is Friday, May 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:00 p.m.

### **Attest:**

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Brian Zimmerman, President

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Brian Moffat, Secretary