

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
May 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held May 27, 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 #L22-324, on May 18, 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, Ryan Borges, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Valerie Richards, and Kelli Chaon.

Guests: Attorney Kendra Strommen and Jessica Spencer and Mike Scow with Dana F. Cole.

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

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

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
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Eckhardt made a motion and Milanuk seconded to correct the minor word change in Policy D-6A and then to approve the remaining items listed on the consent agenda.

- Item 1: Waive the reading of the Meeting Notice
 - Regular Board Meeting Notice May 27, 2022
- Item 2: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - April 22, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 3: Acknowledgement of Other Notices
 - April 22, 2022, revised meeting notice
 - Bid on a Bucket Truck
- Item 4: 401K Plan Document Resolution – Required Revisions per Federal Law Change
- Item 5: General Manager Onboarding Committee Minutes
- Item 6: Approve Policies with no Changes (D-6, D-6A, D-8, D-9, D-10, D-14)
- Item 7: Approve Policies with Changes (D-7, D-13)

A roll call vote was held with Directors voting as follows:

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
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests –

Introduction of Dana F. Cole representatives Jessica Spencer (in person) and Mike Scow (via teleconference) will be joining at 11:00 a.m.

Public Comment Period

8:35 a.m. No comments were received.

Board Education

Gulbranson and Keane presented an overview of Financials Analysis Recommendations which was followed by a discussion regarding Secondary Underground. It was determined that the presentation for Secondary Underground would be reviewed by each board member and, if necessary, discussed during the June board meeting.

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Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Borges updated the board regarding the March Safety meeting and Safety Committee provided in the board book by Reilly.

Department Reports

Engineering and Construction – Reviewed by Borges

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Weeda

A break was taken from 9:52am to 10:02am.

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/Engagement
- Legal & Regulatory

Executive Session – FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Due to the sensitive nature of ongoing and potential litigation, Milanuk moved to enter executive session to discuss FERC OATT Rate, FERC Contract Termination Pricing and Basin Stated Rate Intervener. Blackburn seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows

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
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

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Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 10:54 a.m., Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay.

Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 11:01 a.m.; Blackburn seconded. Roll call voting by the directors 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.

2021 Financial Audit

Dana F. Cole representatives Jessica Spencer joined the meeting in person and Mike Scow via teleconference, at 11:04 a.m. and presented the 2021 audit results to the board of directors.

Milanuk moved to approve the auditor report with the following changes: addition of statement regarding Regulatory Assets and changes to Note 1 to show correction to employee PTO banks being limited to six hundred twenty hours. Morgan seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed the strategic plan initiative overview and recommendations for special committees as outlined in the board book. A motion was made by Eckhardt and seconded by Blackburn to approve the recommended special committees.

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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
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Gulbranson requested approval for changes to the large item budget to reduce the budget for SCADA from \$100,000 to \$30,000, increase the budget of Data Clean Up from \$30,000 to \$75,000 and add new Large Budget Item for Cost-of-Service Study of \$25,000. A motion was made by Eckhardt and seconded by Moffat to approve the recommended changes to the 2022 Large Budget as requested.

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.

Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book and provided additional comments on Tri-State Rate Committee meetings.

Policy Review

Eckhardt moved to adopt the Board Policy F-5 as recommended; Milanuk seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Motion carried.

Milanuk moved to adopt the Board Policy D-11 with major changes as recommended; Blackburn seconded. Roll call vote by the directors 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.

Meeting reports

Weeda reviewed 2022 NREA Tech Conference held in Kearney, NE April 20-21.

Gulbranson discussed SRS Dispatch Annual Conference attended by Chase Armstrong and Wes Christensen on May 3-4th in Bismarck, ND.

Blackburn and Blomenkamp reviewed their trip to the NRECA New Board Member Orientation in Arlington, VA.

Milanuk provided an update on the NREA meeting held in Norfolk. Discussion was held amongst the board regarding the NREA Strategic Planning session overview covered by Milanuk and the position of the board regarding the filling of the outstanding NREA General Manager role which will be voted on in the June 29th NREA meeting.

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

Zimmerman presented Milanuk with a plaque for NRECA Board Training accomplishments.

The next regular board meeting is Friday, June 24, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

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Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:31 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary