

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
September 23, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held September 23, 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 #L22-627, on September 15, 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, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Nick Brauer, and Kelli Chaon.

Guests: Attorney Kendra Strommen.

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 Consent Agenda

Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notice
 - Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice September 23, 2022
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - August 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (E-21, E-22, E-23, E-24, E-25, E-26, E-27, E-28)
- Item 5: Approve Polices with Changes (N/A)
- Item 6: Bank Account Resolution to Change Signatories

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The motion was seconded by Blackburn, 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 Attorney Kendra Strommen and new Accountant Nick Brauer.

Public Comment Period

8:35 a.m. No comments were received. Gulbranson gave an update on an irrigation customer regarding concerns on power quality and motor repairs. Staff will be gathering additional information for next steps.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Gulbranson updated the board regarding the September Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Rollie Waite

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Jim Weeda

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Sharrell Keane

- Milanuk moved to adopt rewrite of Board Policy C-5 to align with current operating practices; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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

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Motion carried.

- Blackburn made a motion to approve a large budget exception in the amount of \$38,625.00 for change order with Weiser Construction for the removal of the concrete patio. Eckhardt seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows:

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.

- Blackburn made a motion to approve a large budget exception in the amount of \$12,888.73 for truck repairs to Unit #22. Moffat seconded followed by roll call vote with voting 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.

- Large budget item for a proposed increase for a wire trailer in the amount of \$5,240.00 bringing the total large budget expense to \$15,240 was removed from the discussion until further information obtained.

The board took a break at 10:00 a.m. and returned to session at 10:10 a.m.

General Manager's Report

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

- Summary of Operations
- Cost Of Service Study
- 2023 Budget
- Data Integrity Update
- Affiliated Organizations
- GM Review

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- General Updates

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Gulbranson gave an update regarding FERC OATT Rate, FERC Contract Termination Pricing and Basic Stated Rate Intervener.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson gave update on the schedule for the strategic plan reviews. The Safety Initiative, that was to be reviewed in August, will be reviewed following today's meeting.

Board Compensation & Assessment

Discussion was had by the board regarding current finding of board compensation. No further action was taken.

Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book. Discussion was had regarding the proposed rate approach of stated rate versus formulary rate.

Meeting reports

No updates were presented for discussion.

Executive Session - General Managers Review

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Milanuk to enter executive session for discussion regarding the general managers performance review.

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

Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 11:06 a.m., Strommen was asked to stay. Gulbranson was invited back into the meeting after initial discussions.

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 12:15 p.m.; Blackburn seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

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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

Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is Friday, October 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:22 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary