

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
March 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held March 24, 2023, 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 #L23-176, on March 16, 2023. 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
Collin Anderson	<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, and Sharrell Keane.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen present

Guests present: Arbor Wealth Representatives Mark Churchill and Jerry Holdsworth

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

President Zimmerman announced a change to the agenda moving the Financial Orientation to the April board meeting. Milanuk asked for the removal of policy C-2 from the consent agenda. Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda containing the following items with the removal of policy C-2:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice March 24, 2023
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - February 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5 F-6)

The motion was seconded by Eckhardt, and roll call vote with Directors voting 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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<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 –

Arbor Wealth Representatives Mark Churchill and Jerry Holdsworth

Public Comment Period

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

Policy Review

Moffat moved to adopt Board C-1 with changes; Morgan 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
Collin Anderson	<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.

The board then had a lengthy discussion regarding board policy C-2. Gulbranson will bring the policy back in April with clarifications on the retail calculations.

Special Topics

Arbor Wealth Investment Update

Jerry Holdsworth and Mark Churchill provided an in-depth update to the board regarding the current state of investments and the market. The board recognized Mark Churchill for his many years of service as he moves into retirement.

Power Supply

Gulbranson provided an update regarding how the power supply structure and governance operates and options.

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The board then took a break from 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Borges updated the board regarding the March Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Ryan Borges

Borges reviewed his board report as provided in the board book. He also gave a brief recap of our current pole testing and replacement status.

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Jim Weeda

Weeda reviewed his board report and gave an update on status of purchasing poles. The board had a lengthy discussion on potential supplier options, costs, and delivery time.

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Sharrell Keane

Keane reviewed her board report and a brief discussion occurred regarding the potential change of credit card vendors from US Bank to CFC One Card. No further action was taken at this time.

General Manager's Report

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

- Summary of Operations
- Federated Claims
- Tri-State Allocations
- General Updates

Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Gulbranson had nothing new to report at this time.

Executive Session:

The board did not enter executive sessions.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed the Culture Committee minutes as presented in the board book.

Meeting reports

Blomenkamp gave a lengthy overview of the NRECA PowerXchange held in Nashville. She also reported that she had attended board training while at the convention and thus completed her CCD board certification.

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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.

Public Comment Period

11:30 a.m. No comments were received.

Other Business

No new business was brought forth.

The next regular board meeting is Friday, April 28, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:40 a.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary