

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
May 24, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held May 24, 2024, 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 #L24-322, on May 16, 2024. 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, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Kurt Cleveland and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen present

Guests present:

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. Kendra Strommen 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 Notices
 - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice May 24,2024
 - Post-storm Damage Assessment Request for Proposal Notice
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - April 26, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (F-1, F-5, F-6))
- Item 5: Policies with minor changes (F-2, F-3, F-4)

The motion was seconded by Anderson, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

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- Brian Zimmerman Yes No
- Moe Moffat Yes No
- Stuart Morgan Yes No
- Jennifer Eckhardt Yes No
- Toni Blomenkamp Yes No
- Collin Anderson Yes No
- Marcus Milanuk Yes No

Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests –

- Dustin Kizzire, Dana F. Cole
- James Dukesherer, NREA

Public Comment Period

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

Audit Presentation

- 2023 Audit Presentation (video conference) by Dustin Kizzire, Dana F. Cole

The board entered Executive session at 9:08 a.m., Strommen was asked to stay.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 9:08 p.m.; Morgan seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

- Jennifer Eckhardt Yes No
- Toni Blomenkamp Yes No
- Collin Anderson Yes No
- Marcus Milanuk Yes No
- Brian Zimmerman Yes No
- Moe Moffat Yes No
- Stuart Morgan Yes No

Motion carried.

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 9:12 a.m.; Morgan seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

- Stuart Morgan Yes No
- Moe Moffat Yes No
- Brian Zimmerman Yes No

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- Marcus Milanuk Yes No
- Collin Anderson Yes No
- Toni Blomenkamp Yes No
- Jennifer Eckhardt Yes No

Motion carried.

Anderson made a motion to approve the Audit.; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

- Moe Moffat Yes No
- Brian Zimmerman Yes No
- Stuart Morgan Yes No
- Jennifer Eckhardt Yes No
- Toni Blomenkamp Yes No
- Collin Anderson Yes No
- Marcus Milanuk Yes No

Motion carried.

Policy Review

Eckhardt moved to adopt Board D-5 Director Duties, Board D-13: Non-director Officer Policy and Board C-6: Standard Construction Practices with changes; Moffat seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

- Collin Anderson Yes No
- Marcus Milanuk Yes No
- Brian Zimmerman Yes No
- Moe Moffat Yes No
- Stuart Morgan Yes No
- Jennifer Eckhardt Yes No
- Toni Blomenkamp Yes No

Motion carried.

Storm Damage Restoration

Overall Restoration Update was given by Lacey Gulbranson.

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Milanuk made a motion to amend the Resolution to \$5 Million to cover emergency expenses from the storm on April 6 and 7. Moffat 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

A break was taken from 11:05 a.m. – 11:11 a.m.

CFC Financing

Lacey Gulbranson led discussion on the following items:

- CFC Emergency Line of Credit Resolution
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- CFC Bucket Truck Lease Review

- Moffat made a motion to approve the CFC Emergency Line of Credit Resolution. Blomenkamp seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows:

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

Motion carried.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

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

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Milanuk made a motion to support the Term Sheet Offer for Tri-State's A-41 Rate Filing; Anderson seconded. Roll call voting by the directors 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
Collin Anderson	<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.

Milanuk made a motion to approve the letter in support of Tri-State for the New ERA funding application; Blomenkamp 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
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Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

No Safety Meeting minutes are available this month as we did not have an April safety meeting at the May meeting has been postponed to Thursday, May 30th.

Department Reports

Engineering – the Engineering Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Operations – Rollie Waite reviewed the Operations Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

IT & Metering – Jim Weeda reviewed the Technology Department Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Corporate Services and Financials– Lacey Gulbranson reviewed the Corporate Services report in the board book as well as the Financial & Administrative Services Report and Financial Reports with nothing additional to add.

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General Manager's Report

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

- Storm update
- Line Extension
- Carbon America
- City of Sidney
- Sidney Solar System
- Data Center/Bitcoin Mining
- NRECA Sues EPA

Strategic Plan Update

No strategic plan update is available this month. A full strategic plan review is scheduled for the June meeting.

Meeting reports

Milanuk gave an overview of the NREA in Norfolk. Nebraska is not going to participate in an international program but is looking at the national level. Additionally, Rick Nelson will be the GM for an additional year. Some discussion was had on whether or not there is a need for a full time GM.

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.

NREA Grassroots Update

James Dukeherer, NREA – provided an update on the Legislative Session

Other Business

The next regular board meeting is June 28, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:35 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary