

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
September 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held September 27, 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 #L24-652, on September 19, 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, Tim Jones, Mark Cape and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen present

Guests present: None

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:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice September 27, 2024
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - August 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (n/a)
- Item 5: Policies with minor changes (C-17, C-18, C-19, C-20 to E-6, C-21)

The motion was seconded by Eckhardt, 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

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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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

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

Storm Damage Restoration

Gulbranson provided a report on the following:

- Cost/Expense Update
- Bond Issuance
- Post-Storm Assessment Update
- FEMA Update

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Cape updated the board regarding the September Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering – Mark Cape reviewed 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.

Morgan left the meeting at 8:55am for a conference call. Morgan returned at 9:47a.m.

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

Corporate Services and Financials– Tim Jones reviewed the Corporate Services report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

- Long Term Financial Forecast
- Financial Report

Break at 9:37a.m. to 9:45a.m.

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General Manager's Report

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

- Military Facilities & New State Statute
- Legal Updates
- Personnel Matter
- Discussion on Cost of Living

Power Supply Report

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

- Cost of Power

Gulbranson provided a report on the following:

- Contract Committee

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

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

- FERC Contract Termination Pricing
- FERC Bring Your Own Resource
- FERC Formulary Rate Filing
- Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reported that there was no committee meeting last month.

Meeting reports

Strommen will provide a presentation on conflicts of interest next month.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- Strategic Plan Safety Committee – September 27, 2024 (Anderson & Moffat)
- October Safety Meeting – October 11, 2024 (Morgan)
- October Board Meeting - October 25, 2024
- Strategic Plan Customer Committee – October 25, 2024 (Blomenkamp)
- NPA – October 29 and 30th, 2024 (Eckhardt)
- Other Upcoming Meetings

Election of Delegations and Other Organizational Items

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

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Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 11:11 a.m., Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss personnel issues.

Moffat made a motion to enter the executive session at 11:11 a.m.; Milanuk 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 11:30 a.m.; Morgan 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		

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Moffat made a motion to increase the head count of employees by one through the end of the year. Anderson 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
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

Motion carried

Public Comment Period

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

Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 11:32a.m., Strommen was asked to stay to discuss the manager's annual review.

Moffat made a motion to enter the executive session at 11:32 a.m.; Morgan seconded. Roll call voting by the directors 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

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 11:42 a.m.; Blomenkamp seconded. Roll call voting 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

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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
Motion carried		

Morgan made a motion to approve an increase in the manager’s salary to \$175k. 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
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

Motion carried

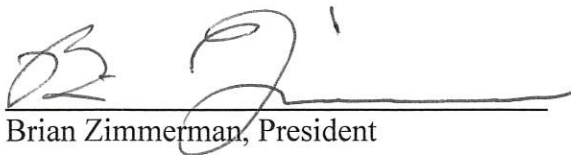
Other Business

The next regular board meeting is Friday, October 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:56 a.m.

Attest:



Brian Zimmerman, President



Brian Moffat, Secretary