

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**August 23, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held August 23, 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 #L24-529, on August 15, 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, Kurt Cleveland and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen 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.

**Introduction of Guests** – No guests were present

**Public Comment Period** - 8:35 a.m. No comments were received

**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 of the Regular Board Meeting Notice August 23, 2024
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - July 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no change (n/a)
- Item 5: Policies with minor changes (C-1 to E-1, C-2 to E-2, C-3 to O-1, C-4 to O-2, C-11 split to C-11 & E-5, C-12, C-14, C-15, C-16 to O-3)

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.

## Storm Damage Restoration

Lacey Gulbranson provided the following updates:

- Cost/Expense Update
- Potential Bond Issuance
- Post-Storm Assessment Update
  - Field work was delayed. They thought the fieldwork would be done at the end of next week but due to an accident there is a delay. The new estimates show the end of next week for data collection, final report on Sept 16 for distribution and another month for transmission.
- FEMA Update
  - Jerry Bishop is our contact. Valerie, Kurt and Lacey are dealing with this daily. Their next deadline is September 9.

## Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

- Cape updated the board regarding the August Safety meeting. Collin Anderson attended the meeting and thought it went well even though it was raining and cold.
- Cape provided some information and explanation as to LB 120 as to safety and security with the Airforce.
- Cape noted that August 24 at 8am to 10:30am is Customer Appreciation Day.

## 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.

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

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Finance and Administrative Services Report – Tim Jones reviewed the Corporate Services report in the board book focusing on the following items:

- Financial Report
- Large Budget Requested Change\*

Milanuk moved to adopt the large budget request in the amount of \$40,000.00 in addition to the current approved amount for truck repairs; Anderson seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried

A break was taken from 9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### 10:00 – NRECA Youth Tour, Trey Weeda

Trey presented a power point presentation of the trip.

### General Manager's Report

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

- General update
- Wholesale Power Rate
- LB 120 and Military Facilities
  - Guidance Letter from the Power Review Board is waiting for clarification from the Attorney General's office. In the meantime, relying on General Counsel for guidance.
- Carbon America
- City of Sidney
- Sidney Solar System

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### **Power Supply Reports**

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

### **FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement**

Gulbranson provided an update regarding:

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

### **Strategic Plan Update**

The strategic plan efficiency committee documents and minutes were available. No additional update was provided.

### **Meeting reports**

Milanuk and Gulbranson provided insights as to the happenings with NREA, the Nebraska Legislature, Nebraska Supreme Court and NRECA

### **Future Meetings and Trainings**

- September Safety Meeting – September 13, 2024 (Blomenkamp)
- September Board Meeting – September 27, 2024
- Strategic Plan Safety Committee – September 27, 2024 (Anderson & Moffat)
- The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed.

### **Election of Delegations and Other 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**

The next regular board meeting is Friday, September 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

### **Adjournment**

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

### **Attest:**

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Brian Zimmerman, President

  
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Brian Moffat, Secretary

