

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**July 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held July 26, 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 #L24-478, on July 18, 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 asked for the removal of the agenda from the consent agenda.

Morgan moved to approve the agenda; 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	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Motion carried.

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Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the agenda and with the addition of an Emergency Legal item.

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
  - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice July 26, 2024
  - Chappell DOT Right of Way Project-bid notice
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - June 28, 2024 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (C-7, C-8)
- Item 5: Approve Polices with minor changes (C-6, C-9, C-10)

The motion was seconded by Moffat, 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	
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Motion carried.

Moffat moved to approve the Emergency Legal Item added to the consent agenda to approve Attorney Kendra Strommen to provide legal counsel to Chimney Rock PPD: Blomenkamp seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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

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**Public Comment Period**

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

**Federated Insurance Acceptance of Subscriber’s Agreement**

Milanuk made a motion to approve a the Federated Insurance Acceptance of Subscriber’s Agreement after Strommen’s review and approval; Morgan 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	
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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.

**Storm Damage Restoration**

Milanuk made a motion to approve an adjustment on the Physical Inventory Count in the amount of \$14,027.58. 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present

Motion carried

\* Overall Restoration Update and FEMA process was given by Lacey Gulbranson, Rollie Waite and Jim Weeda along with a Cost/Expense update

\*An Emergency Response Plan was provided in the board book for review

**Safety Issues and Safety Meeting**

Cape updated the board regarding the July Safety meeting.

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### Department Reports

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

Milanuk moved to review and approve Great Plains Power for the Chappell DOT Right of Way Project Bid; Mogan seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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			

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

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

### General Manager's Report

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

- Carbon America
- City of Sidney
- LB 120
- Federated update
- Sidney Solar System
- Data Center/Bitcoin Mining

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**Executive Session:**

The board entered Executive session at 11:07 a.m., Gulbranson, Strommen and Cape were asked to stay to discuss personnel issues.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 11:07 a.m.; Morgan seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Toni Blomenkamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Brian Zimmerman	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Moe Moffat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Stuart Morgan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Motion carried

Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 11:35 p.m.; Eckhardt 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present

Motion carried

**Power Supply Report**

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

**FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement**

Gulbranson provided an update regarding FERC and Time Of Use Rate.

**Public Comment Period**

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

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**Strategic Plan Update**

Moffat moved to approve Tim Jones as a committee member for the Customer Experience Committee; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call vote by the directors 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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.

**Meeting reports**

Gulbranson and Milanuk completed a survey for the NREA. There was a good evaluation overall. Nominations for NREA committees were shared .

**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, August 23, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:15 p.m.

**Attest:**

  
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 Brian Zimmerman, President

  
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 Brian Moffat, Secretary