

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**June 28, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held June 28, 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 #L24-405, on June 20, 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 Vice - President Stuart Morgan who was acting as President, 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 with the change to last month’s meeting minutes to include Brian Zimmerman’s vote in approval for the audit:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
  - Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice June 28, 2024
  - Post-storm Damage Assessment (North/South) Request for Proposal Notice
  - Election Notices
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - May 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no change (C-2, C-3, C-4)

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

Brian Zimmerman	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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

Moffat made a motion to accept and update the Emergency Resolution No. 2024-01.1 adopted on April 15, 2024 and modified on June 28, 2024 to \$5 Million to cover emergency expenses from the storm on April 6 and 7. Blomenkamp seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Brian Zimmerman	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
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.

\* Overall Restoration Update and FEMA process was given by Lacey Gulbranson, Rollie Waite and Jim Weeda.

Moffat made a motion to recommend that Wheat Belt Public Power District use Constellation for the engineering services for a post-storm damage assessment. 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	
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\* Lacey Gulbranson provided an updated on the Cost and Expense Update as well as the Post-storm Damage Assessment

**Policy Review**

Milanuk moved to adopt Board Policy C-1: Line Extension with changes, Board Policy C-5: Retirement, relocation, etc. with changes, and Board Policy C-7: Payment Responsibility with changes; 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Motion carried			

**Safety Issues and Safety Meeting**

Cape updated the board regarding the May and June Safety meetings.

**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.

A break was taken from 9:50 a.m. – 10:02 a.m.

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

- General update
- Carbon America
- City of Sidney
- Sidney Solar System
- Data Center/Bitcoin Mining

### Power Supply Report

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

### Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson and staff reviewed the Full Strategic Plan Update.

### FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Gulbranson provided an update regarding:

- FERC Contract Termination Pricing
- FERC Bring Your Own Resource (Previous Contract Buydown)
  - Motion to Intervene
- FERC Formulary Rate Filing
  - Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition

Blomenkamp made a motion to Intervene in order to watch the case on Bring Your Own Resource; Milanuk seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows:

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Motion carried.

Moffat made a motion to be part of the Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition; 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	
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Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Motion carried		

**Meeting reports**

Milanuk provided some highlights that are happening with NREA.

**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.

**Google and Adobe Overview/Training**

Jim Weeda presented a 10-minute presentation on accessing and navigating the board book.

**Other Business**

- Weeda reported that Jeff Rosenbaum will retire in January 2025.
- Gulbranson announced Federated is looking for board members and the application deadline on August 12, 2024.
- The next regular board meeting is Friday, July 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Morgan moved for adjournment at 11:45 a.m.

**Attest:**

*Stuart Morgan*

Stuart Morgan, Acting-President/Vice-President

*Brian Moffat*

Brian Moffat, Secretary

