

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
February 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held February 28, 2025, at 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 #L25-142, on February 20, 2025. 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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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: Jay Spearman, Northland Securities via phone

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Policy Review

Eckhardt moved to approve the proposed Policies with minor changes A-7, A-7A, A-8, A-9, and A-10; Moffat seconded, Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

The Board agreed to bring back Policy A-2 at next month's meeting for further discussion.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Cape updated the board regarding the February 7 Safety meeting. Morgan was the Board member guest at the meeting. Cape reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Safety Bonus Consideration

- Gulbranson reported that a premium refund from Federated for Workers' Compensation has not been received. This is the sixth time since 1997 that no dividends were payable under the program.

Executive Session:

The board entered the Executive session at 9:13 a.m. Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss Safety Bonus Consideration and personal issues.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 9:13 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book, as well as strategic planning for the next generation including gas plants. Morgan reminded the Board of the Annual Meeting, April 1-2 at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield, Colorado.

Gulbranson reviewed what occurred at Tri-State Contract Committee submitted in the board book. The next meeting will be March 6. Tri-State will be providing an updated financial forecast.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Gulbranson provided an update on the following:

- FERC Contract Termination Pricing
- FERC Formulary Rate Filing
 - Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition
- Demand Response Tariff – to be filed in March 2025
- High Impact Load Tarrff – to be filed in 2025

Department Reports

Engineering – Mark Cape reported on the UG projects east of Chappell. Cape reviewed the remainder of the Engineering Report in the board book with nothing additional to add. Waite reported on Cannia from NREA and the information and training received on the substations and ladder inspections and safety.

Operations – Rollie Waite reported that there were not many noteworthy outages to report. Wheat Belt PPD will be hosting the Western Area Operations meeting on March 6. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Operations Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Technology – Jim Weeda reported on our upgrade from L & G's Command Center to Emerge has finished. Weeda reviewed the remainder of the Technology Department Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Finance & Administrative Services – Tim Jones reviewed the Finance and Administrative Services report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

- Customer Engagement and Marketing
- Draft Auditor RFP (Request for Proposal) for Fiscal Years 2025,2026

Finance Reports – Tim Jones reminded the Board that WBPPD audit is still on-going, everything reflects preliminary financials. Further review on the Balance Sheet highlighting the construction work and Statement of Cash Flow that can be found in the board book.

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Gulbranson reviewed the following:

- Power Supply – Others in our Space
 - Gulbranson provided a presentation on Power Supply Options/Information. Discussion ensued.
- 2025-2027 Strategic Plan Update

Future Meetings and Trainings

- Tri-State Regional Meeting in Scottsbluff – Friday, March 7, 2025
- March Safety Meeting – Friday, March 14, 2025
- March General Board Meeting – Friday, March 28, 2025
- Tri-State Annual Meeting – April 1-2, 2025
- Other Upcoming Meetings

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

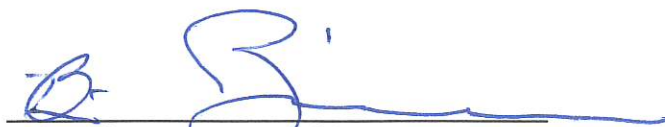
Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, March 28, 2025, 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