

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
July 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held July 25, 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 #L25-481, on July 25, 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	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Moe Moffat	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Stuart Morgan	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Collin Anderson	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Present	☐ Not Present

Employees were present at times throughout the meeting: Rollie Waite, Tim Jones, Jim Weeda 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: Jean Brandt, NRECA via telephone

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda with minor corrections containing the following:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice July 25, 2025
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
 - June 27, 2025, regular board meeting minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no Recommended Changes
 - C-17: Yard and Lease/Rental Lights
 - C-18: Dissemination of Customer Information
 - C-21: Energy Efficiency Credit Rebates

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- C-24: Irrigation Capacitor Rebate Program
- C-25: Irrigation Disconnect Rebate Program
- C-28: Billing Adjustments

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

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Motion carried		

- All Board members have an opportunity prior to voting to pull any item from the Consent Agenda to discuss as its own issue.

Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

Policy Review

Morgan moved to approve the policy A-7: Safety Program; Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

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Milanuk moved to approve policy A-7A: Injury Prevention Program with minor changes; Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

District Auditor RFP Approval

Morgan moved to approve Decoria as the District Auditor with a 3 year contract; Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

CEO Executive Search – Jean Brandt, NRECA

Executive Session:

The board entered the Executive session at 8:43 a.m. Jean Brandt and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss the progress on CEO Executive Search.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 8:43 a.m., Blomenkamp seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

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Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Motion carried		

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 9:09 a.m.; Moffat seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Waite updated the board regarding the July 10th Safety meeting. Jennifer Eckhardt attended the meeting. The group went over RESAP inspection. The purpose of this exercise is not to find faults but to recommend improvements in order to implement safer procedures. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Report in the board book.

Department Reports

Technology & Engineering Report – Jim Weeda reviewed the Technology Department Report in the board book covering the Technology/IT, AMI/Metering/Data, Line Equipment, Facilities/Inventory/Purchasing and Engineering/GIS. Weeda explained the Construction Work plan and reported on the VoTech job that is starting next week. The VoTech job will allow the rebuild to occur earlier than expected, while keeping customers power on.

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Operations – Rollie Waite reported on the monthly outages, completed work and upcoming work for the month of July. He also reported that Unit #30 (Oshkosh bucket truck) has been taken to Denver to repair broken welds on the aluminum plated tail shelf.

Moffat made a motion to order a bucket truck (Altec with warranty) to replace Unit #25 (Dalton bucket truck) at the price with warranty of \$343,024; Milanuk seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Break from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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
 - June sent out 415 delinquent reminders
 - June had 11 accounts disconnected
 - June had 4 new service orders
 - June had 2 services retired
 - June had 7 ownership transfers and 15 tenant transfers
 - 100% completed the customer account audit
- Irrigation Write-off Consideration

Moffat moved to approve the irrigation write-off on Meter AG-0970 in the amount of \$400.35; Milanuk seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
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Motion carried

Marketing Report - Tim Jones reported that the county fairs are ramping up, so we will be delivering water for some of their events. Wheat Belt also sponsors awards to each fair in our service area every year. We have reached out to the fairs also to see if there is anything else we can be assisting with but haven't received much feedback. Additionally, the NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp will be the week of July 21st. Shelley will be transporting our two campers to and from campy, which is being held at Camp Comeca in Cozad.

Finance Reports – Tim Jones reviewed a Mid-year Projected Statement of Operations, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flow, Temporary Investments that can be found in the board book.

Milanuk made a motion to use the remaining money (\$109,515,50) from the 2 maintenance pickups in the large budget to purchase a 3/4 ton truck for the warehouse. Two other fleet vehicles will be either traded or auctioned off to help offset the purchase price of this 3/4 ton truck.

; Anderson seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

General Manager's Report

The General Manager's Report is provided in the board book for our review on the following items:

- General Update
- Focus for the Month per Provided Schedule
- General Operational Update
- Tri-State Summer CEO Meeting
- Sidney Training Facility
- FEMA- April 2024 Storm

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

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Update to the following which can be found in the board book:

- Contract Termination Pricing
- Formulary Rate Filing
 - Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition
- High Impact Load Tariff

Strategic Plan Update

Rollie Waite reviewed the Strengthen Safety Culture update in the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan as shown in the board book. Waite focused on the reorganization of the Safety Committee with Rollie Waite being the new Safety Director. Tim Jones will replace Mark Cape as the new member of management.

Meeting Reports

Nothing to report for the month of July.

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

Stuart Morgan volunteered to be the Basin Delegate.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- August Safety Meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2025 (Zimmerman)
- August General Board Meeting– Friday, August 22, 2025

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, August 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Brian Zimmerman, President



Brian Moffat, Secretary