Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
August 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held August 22, 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 #L25-534, on August 14, 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 (not voting)
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: Stuart Morgan, Director, present 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 Regular Board Meeting Notice August 22, 2025
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - July 25, 2025, regular board meeting minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no Recommended Changes
  - E-1: Line Extension
  - E-2: Right-of-Way
  - E-3: Retirement, Relocation, & Removal of Service
  - E-5: Irrigation Accounts

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

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☐ Yes	☐ No (present, not voting)
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.

Chairman Zimmerman publicly thanked Renee Peters for her donation on behalf of Dennis Peters.

Policy Review

Eckhardt moved to approve the policy E-4: Standard Construction Practices; Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☐ Yes	☐ No (present, not voting)
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

District Auditor Engagement Letter

Eckhardt moved to approve Decoria & Company, P.C.'s engagement letter which is stated in full in the board book; Milanuk 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 (present, not voting)
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Lewellen 2 Mile Line rebuild Contract

Milanuk moved to approve 2025-122+ R Lewellen 2 Mile Line Rebuild Contract with RVW Engineering Firm; Blomenkamp 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 (present, not voting)

Motion carried

CEO Executive Search Update

Executive Session:

The board entered the Executive session at 8:45 a.m. Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss the progress on CEO Executive Search.

Eckhardt made a motion to enter the executive session at 8:45 a.m. 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 (present, not voting)
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 9:05 a.m.; Moffat seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☐ Yes	☐ No (present, not voting)
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

Break from 9:06 a.m. to 9:16 a.m.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Waite updated the board regarding the August 19, 2025 Safety meeting. Brian Zimmerman attended the meeting. The group went over Pole Top Rescue training which is an essential part of keeping employees and the community safe. Everyone passed. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Report in the board book and reminded us that the next Safety Meeting is September 11, 2025. Additionally, the Health Fair is October 14, 2025.

Department Reports

Operations – Rollie Waite reported on the monthly outages, completed work and upcoming work for the month of August. Waite announced that the four miles of three-phase line South of Bridgeport has been completed. He also reported that Unit #30 (Oshkosh bucket truck) that has been taken to Denver to repair broken welds on the aluminum plated tail shelf will probably take a month or longer to repair. Lastly, Waite reminded us that the NREA Rubber Gloving School will be August 26, 27 and 28. Mientka, Berndt and Hansen will be attending, as well as, Secrest and Westman will be instructing.

Waite and others attended a NREA conference where there was a discussion regarding Wildfire Management. Waite presented a Wildfire Management Plan to the Board for discussion. No action was taken.

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 announced that Jane finished up the account audits which included transformer information. Levi has a few field checks to verify some information for Jane. Further Meridian will be here August 26-28 to demo their enterprise software package.

Weeda presented a 2024-2027 CWP Update to the Board. The presentation included a four-year workplan that reflected the phases in progress/ongoing, not started and completed. Weeda provided a thorough summary of the workplan.

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
  - July sent out 412 delinquent reminders
  - July had 10 accounts disconnected
  - July had 2 new service orders
  - July had 2 services retired
  - July had 15 ownership transfers and 10 tenant transfers
  - 5 rebates were processed in July for pay in August in the amount of $553.67

- Jones shared thank you notes from the NREA Youth Leadership Camp written by Samuel Fehringer and Jasper Gulbranson.

Marketing Report - Tim Jones reported that Customer Appreciation will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Eagles in Oshkosh, beginning at 8 a.m.

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. Jones highlighted his attendance of the Basin annual meeting with Lacey, that the annual health insurance renewal is open and closes in September and that he attended TFAC.

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
- Key Ratio and Trend Analysis (KRTAs)

- Basin Annual Meeting
- Sidney Training Facility
- FEMA- April 2024 Storm

Power Supply Report

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
- Wholesale Electric Power Contract
- High Impact Load Tariff

Executive Session:

The board entered the Executive session at 11:20 a.m. Stuart Morgan, Strommen, and all present staff were asked to stay to discuss the FERC issues listed above.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 11:20 a.m., Anderson seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☐ Yes	☐ No (present, not voting)
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 11:40 a.m.; Milanuk seconded. Roll call voting 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 present, not voting)

Motion carried

Moffat made a motion to accept the FERC settlement offer; Blomenkamp seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☐ Yes	☐ No (present, not voting)
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Strategic Plan Update

Jim Weeda reviewed the Strengthen Distribution System update in the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan as shown in the board book. Weeda reviewed the three categories: Implement a Work Plan to Modernize Infrastructure, Keep up with the Pace of Technology, and Complete 2024 Storm Conductor Damage Work.

Meeting Reports

Milanuk has switched to the Legislative Committee for the NREA. Milanuk reported that there is a new software available for viewing the meetings and reports for NREA.

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

No changes.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- Special Board Meeting – Friday, September 5, 2025 at the Security First Bank 8:30 a.m.
- September Safety Meeting – Thursday, September 11, 2025 (Blomenkamp)
- September General Board Meeting – Friday, September 26, 2025

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, September 26, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:13 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary