Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
September 26, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held September 26, 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 #L25-635, on September 18, 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: 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: John Krajewski, JK Energy Consulting

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Morgan 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 of the Educational Meeting Notice September 18, 2025
  - Waive reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice September 26, 2025
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - August 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - September 5th, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no Recommended Changes
  - E-6: Service Sizing Request (Single Customer)
  - E-7: Double Throw Installation
  - F-1: Checks, Drafts, Etc.

- F-3: Investments
- F-4: Handling of Payments

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

Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
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

Milanuk moved to approve the policy F-2: Finance and Budget with revisions; Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried

2026 Budget

- September: Cost of Service Study – John Krajewski
- September: Large Budget Review
- October: Budge Hearing, Large Budget Approval, Rate Approval
- November: Budget Approval

Milanuk moved to approve the 2026 Budget which is stated in full in the board book with staff requesting endorsement of overall revenue change and distribution of rate changes between rate classes; Morgan 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 (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)

Motion carried

Proposal on Expenditures and Expenses

Tim Jones gave a presentation/overview on large budget expenditures and expenses as written in the board book for the fiscal years 2026 to 2029. These figures will be reflected in October's budget.

CEO Executive Search Update

Executive Session:

The board entered the Executive session at 9:29 a.m. Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss the progress in CEO Executive Search.

Milanuk made a motion to enter the executive session at 9:29 a.m. Anderson 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 (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 9:46 a.m.; Anderson seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried

Break from 9:47 a.m. to 9:56 a.m.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Weeda updated the board regarding September 11, 2025. Safety meeting. Toni Blomenkamp attended the meeting. The group covered the Safety Manual – OH Transmission & Distribution lines & equipment. Weeda reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Report in the board book and reminded us that the next Safety Meeting is October 28, 2025. Additionally, the Health Fair will be October 14, 2025.

Department Reports

Operations –Jim Weeda reported on the Rollie Waite's monthly Operations Report which can be found in the board book.

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.

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
  - August 2025 billing = $2,804,833.49
  - August sent out 422 delinquent reminders
    August had 35 accounts disconnected
  - August had 2 new service orders
  - August had 1 service retired

  - August had 34 ownership transfers and 6 tenant transfers
  - 11 rebates were submitted in August and received payment in September in the amount of $5,851.76
    - Correction for last month's report (paid in August)
      - 9 rebates for $4,4642.84

- Jones requested that Board consider writing off an irrigation bill in the amount of $272.35. Jones explained that this Meter AG-1322 qualifies for a write-off as the service did not run on-peak for more than 2 hours in the month of June.

Milanuk made a motion to accept a write-off for Meter AG-1322 in the amount of $272.35; Anderson seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried

Marketing Report - Tim Jones reported that Shelley, Jordan and Grey participated in the Old Settler's parade in Lodgepole Labor Day weekend. WBPPD will also be participating in Dalton Fall Festival, Octokberfest and the parade of lights in Sidney.

Finance/Accounting/HR- Jones reported that the performance review process started in September and will conclude in October. Additionally, Jones reminded us that Budget Season is here.

- Review Large Budget Items – September
- Approve Large Budge – October
- Budget Hearing – October
- Budget Approval - November

Finance Reports – Tim Jones reviewed the Statement of Operations for the eight months ending in 8/31/2025, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flow, Temporary Investments that can be found in the board book.

General Manager's Report

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

- General Update
- Operations Overview
- Power Supply Analysis
- Sidney Training Facility
- FEMA- April 2024 Storm
- Wage Consideration
    - After discussion the Board is considering a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 3.5%. No Action was taken today.

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

Strategic Plan Update

Kelli Chaon reviewed the Strengthen Customer Relationships update in the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan as shown in the board book. Chaon reviewed the two categories: Increase Customer Involvement and Explore Grant Opportunities.

Meeting Reports

Blomenkamp presented a grassroots campaign to contact US Congressman Adrian Smith of District 3 in Nebraska to vote in support of the FEMA ACT of 2025.

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

No changes.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- Special Board Meeting – Monday & Tuesday, September 29-30, 2025 at the Security First Bank
- October Regular Board Meeting – Friday, October 24, 2025
- October Safety Meeting – Thursday, October 28, 2025 (Milanuk)

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, October 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:25 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary