

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**February 27, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held February 27, 2026, 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 as LR26-111, on February 12, 2026 and February 19, 2026. 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: Joseph Michalewicz, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Tim Jones, 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:**

**Public Comment Period**

No comments were received.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Item 1: Approval of the Agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices

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- Waive the reading of the budget Regular Board Meeting Notice February 27, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - January 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Review of Policies – One recommended change (A-8)

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

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 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
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.

## Power Supply Report

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

## Legislative Update

Milanuk and Michalewicz attend the NREA Legislative Conference. One Legislative Bill that was noted was LB 1261 which would allow large (more than 1,000 megawatt) thermal generation facilities to be privately owned in Nebraska. Although such a large generator would be privately-owned, the bill contains multiple protections to ensure our public power model is protected.

## Safety Bonus Consideration

Milanuk made a motion to accept and approve the proposed Safety Bonus with recommended distribution percentages; Moffat seconded. Roll call vote 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)
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Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

## Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the February 6, 2026, Safety meeting; Zimmerman was the Board member guest at the meeting. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book with nothing additional to add. March 9, 2026, will be the next Safety Meeting with work area protection as the topic and Stuart Morgan will be the board guest.

## Management Reports

**Operations and Fleet Report** – Rollie Waite reviewed the monthly Operations Report which can be found in the board book. Waite covered the outages, the completed work and the upcoming work. Other items that were discussed, Ethan Mientka, Patrick Hansen and Xander Burns attended the NREA Meter School, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Coss completed the Leadership Essential Program – week 2 on February 2-6, 2026. Cory Lundgren completed week one of the Leadership Essential Program on February 16-20, 2026.

## Break (10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.)

**Technology & System Design Report** – Jim Weeda reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Technology/IT
- AMI/Metering/Data
- Facilities/Inventory/Purchasing
- Engineering/GIS
- Security

**Customer Engagement** – Kelli Chaon reviewed the following:

- Bridgeport Ethanol
- Economic Development

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

- Customer Engagement and Marketing
  - January 2026 billing = \$1,536,539.92
  - January sent out 312 delinquent reminders
  - January had 13 accounts disconnected
  - January had 4 new service orders
  - January had 0 service retired
  - January had 37 ownership transfers and 4 tenant transfers
  - 15 rebates were submitted in January and received payment in February in the amount of \$6,321.62

**Marketing Report** – Shelly is working with the area schools and Tri-State to bring the Story Behind the Switch safety presentation to the classrooms for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have thee all scheduled soon for spring.

### **Finance/Accounting/-**

- Auditors complete field work during the week of January 26 and will return for one day on 3/3. The March Board meeting is targeted for review, pending receipt of the actuarial report needed for the post-employment benefits review regarding HRS Liability and Net Pension Liability.

**Finance Reports** – Tim Jones reviewed the Statement of Operations for the month ending in 1/31/2026, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flow, Temporary Investments that can be found in the board book.

## CEO's Report

The CEO's Report is provided in the board book for our review of the following items:

- Mark Cape, our Field engineer, retired from Wheat Belt in early February after 40+ years of service to the organization. A small celebration was held with all employees. We wish Mark the best in his new beginnings and thank him for his service to Wheat Belt and our customers.
- Meeting with Jay Spearman with Northland Securities regarding our Bonds and what we can expect, current interest rates, and future use regarding any potential power supply buyout.
- Meeting with potential line-contractor for WB and began to review our contractor list for our FEMA project and those who we may send out requests for bids for future construction regarding our Construction Work Plan.
- Discussion on 4-10s employee committee met to discuss options and recommendations for working 4, 10 hour days.
- Federated Insurance will be here on March 10th to discuss our policies and if WBPPD would like to engage in other policies.

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- Rick Nelson with NREA has reach out regarding hosting electric Safety Training for the NRD at the Wheat Bel HQ on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve moving forward with selling the Oshkosh and Dalton facilities with oversight from the CEO and Legal Counsel; Braina Zimmerman seconded, roll call vote by the directors 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 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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Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

**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**

Michalewicz reported on the following that can be found in the board book:

- Consider and Analyze Various Power Supply Options
- Consider Submitting a Withdrawal Notice to Tri-State G&T

**Lunch Break (11:52 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)**

**Executive Session**

The board entered Executive Session at 12:31 a.m., Michalewicz and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss Hot School and JT&S; Employee & Organization Review and Changes; Power Supply Update and Direction. Moe Moffat made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 12:31 p.m. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call voting as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Motion carried

Stuart Morgan was asked to leave the executive session at 2:38 p.m.

Toni Blomenkamp made a motion to end the executive session at 2:50 p.m. and Marcus Milanuk seconded, roll call voting as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan (not present)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried for leaving the Executive Session.

- No action was taken after Executive Session.

**Meeting Reports**

No meeting reports.

**Delegates and Other Organizational Items**

Marucs Milanuk made a motion to approve Stuart Morgan as the voting delegate for Tri-State for another term; Moe Moffat seconded, roll call voting as follows:

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
Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Motion carried for leaving the Executive Session.

**Future Meetings and Trainings**

- March Safety Meeting – March 9, 2026 - Morgan
- March Regular Board Meeting – Friday, March 27, 2026
- Tri-State Board & Committee Meetings – March 2-4, 2026
- NRECA Annual Meeting – March 8-11, 2026
- Tri-State Annual Meeting – March 9-10, 2026

**Public Comment Period**

No comments were received from the public.

**Other Business**

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, March 27, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 2:55 p.m.

**Attest:**

  
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Brian Zimmerman, President

  
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Toni Blomenkamp, Secretary