

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
January 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held January 23, 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 LR26-050, on January 15, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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
 - Waive the reading of the budget Regular Board Meeting Notice January 23, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes

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- December 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Review of Policies – One recommended change (A-4)

The motion was seconded by Collin Anderson, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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.

Election of Officers

President:

The Chair was surrendered to the General Manager for written nominations for the office of President. Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of President. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Zimmerman and Eckhardt both received nominations. Eckhardt respectfully declined the nomination. Michalewicz declared, “Zimmerman is elected as President.”

Vice President:

The Chair was returned to President-elect Zimmerman who called for written nominations for Vice President. Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Vice President. Moffat, Eckhardt, and Morgan were nominated for Vice-President. Moffat respectfully declined the nomination.

Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Mogan is elected as Vice President.”

Secretary:

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Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Secretary. Moffat, Blomenkamp, Eckhardt and Milanuk were nominated. Milanuk respectfully declined the nomination. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Blomenkamp is elected as Secretary.”

Treasurer:

Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Treasurer. Milanuk and Moffat were nominated. Moffat respectfully declined the nomination. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Milanuk is elected as Treasurer.”

Assistant Secretary:

Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Assistant Secretary. Eckhardt and Moffat were nominated. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Moffat is elected as Assistant Secretary.”

Tri-State Board of Director:

Each Director nominated a candidate for Tri-State Board of Director. Morgan was nominated for Tri-State Board of Director. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Morgan is elected as Tri-State Board of Director.”

NREA Board of Director:

Each Director nominated a candidate for NREA Board of Director. Milanuk and Eckhardt were nominated for NREA Board of Director. Eckhardt respectfully declined the nomination. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Michalewicz. Michalewicz declared, “Milanuk is elected as NREA Board of Director.”

Election of Delegations/Organizational Items

Milanuk made a motion to accept and approve the delegate reorganization to retain the current delegation structure in an election by acclamation and substituting Joesph Michalewicz for Lacey Gulbranson for Midwest Electric Consumer Association and the alternate voting delegate for the Federated Insurance CFC and NCSC; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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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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

Motion carried

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the January 9 Safety meeting; Blomenkamp 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. February 6th will be the next Safety Meeting with work area protection as the topic and Brian Zimmerman 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. Waite reported on unit #30 (Oshkosh Bucket Truck) is back to Denver due to the boom drift is still occurring. The board discussed having legal counsel review the contract and advise on whether a letter should be sent regarding the Oshkosh Bucket Truck. Other items that were discussed, Ethan Mientka, Patrick Hansen and Xander Burns are enrolled in NREA Meter School, February 17th and 18th. Dan Wessman has completed the recertification of his drone lessons.

Technology & System Design Report – Jim Weeda reviewed the Technology/IT Report that can be found in the board book.

Weeda attended Phase 1 of 3 training to obtain his Staking and Line Design Certification. Phase 2 is in February and Phase 3 is in March.

Weeda reported on the guidance and policy recommendation from Mattoon, Martens & Strommen's law firm for selling used and obsolete equipment. The board will receive a policy change recommendation in February.

The NEMA inspection of our emergent phase of the 2024 Storm is complete and all recommended changes from them have been made. WBPPD had to submit memorandums justifying our procurement methods during the emergency phase as well as sending them an updated procurement plan. NEMA will turn the projects back over to FEMA for their final review and barring any changes, funds should be released.

Weeda finished with the line equipment, AMI/Metering data line equipment, facilities inventory purchasing and engineering GIS as can be found in the board book.

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Break (9:50 a.m. to 9:57 a.m.)

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

- Customer Engagement and Marketing
 - December 2025 billing = \$1,511,003.10
 - December sent out 409 delinquent reminders
 - December had 0 accounts disconnected
 - December had 5 new service orders
 - December had 0 service retired
 - December had 15 ownership transfers and 4 tenant transfers
 - 10 rebates were submitted in December and received payment in January in the amount of \$849.51

Report on Enterprise Software by Tim Jones is written in the board book.

Collin Anderson moved to approve moving forward with contract negotiations for the NISC software and to gather information to present a letter of understanding in the February Board Meeting. Marcus Milanuk 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Marketing Report – Scholarship deadline is February 6, 2026. Wheat Belt had a few employees that helped with the All is Bright Tour at the fairgrounds. This is put on by the Cheyenne County Tourism and runs the last week in November until the weekend before Christmas. As we work on getting Wheat Belt more involved in our communities, we will be reaching out to Tri-State and Basin to see if we can partner with them to help with future community events.

Finance/Accounting/HR-

- Auditors will be on site during the week of January 26th.
- Hold discussions with NPAIT and CFC for investment options when our current CD's come due and when we receive the FEMA funding for the storm.

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Finance Reports – Tim Jones reviewed the Statement of Operations for the month ending in 12/31/2025, 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:

- Overview on Tri-State demand response program. Looking for guidance.
 - Board suggested waiting a few months prior to responding.
- Wheat Belt training facility updated the board on a hotline school. The board agreed to pursue discussion on keeping the Wheat Belt training facility at the Sidney location and to contribute to the building as they explore partners and explore all contract options.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

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

- Board Policy 115
- Contract Termination Pricing
- Formulary Rate Filing
 - Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition
- High Impact Load Tariff

Strategic Plan

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 11:45 a.m., Michalewicz and Strommen were asked to stay to discuss the consideration and analysis of various power supply options and the consideration of submitting a withdrawal notice to Tri-State G & T. Moffat made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. Morgan 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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

Stuart Morgan was asked to leave the executive session at 12:12 p.m.

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Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 12:37 p.m. and Eckhardt 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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

No changes for the month of January.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- January Safety Meeting – Friday, February 6, 2026 - Zimmerman
- January Regular Board Meeting – Friday, February 27, 2026

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Other Business

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

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 12:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Brian Zimmerman, President



Toni Blomenkamp, Secretary