

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held March 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 LR26-181, on March 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 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, Valerie Richards, Andy Kuhns 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. Kelli Chaon recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Toni Blomenkamp.

**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 Regular Board Meeting Notice March 27, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes

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- Item 4: Review of Policies – Recommended changes (C-7, C-8, C-9, C-11, C-12 and D-13)

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 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.

Policy F-1 changes were presented. Stuart Morgan moved to accept Policy F-1 as presented. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

## **Legislative Update**

Kendra Strommen reported the Nebraska Legislature passed the budget bill on March 26, 2026. It has now been sent to Governor Pillen for his signature. Joseph Michalewicz stated LB 1261 – Generation for Data Centers – was discussed by NREA managers and recommendations were made to NREA.

## **Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes**

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the March 9, 2026, Safety meeting. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book with nothing additional to add. April 10, 2026, will be the next Safety Meeting with hazard recognition as the topic.

Marcus Milanuk moved to accept the Safety Review and Safety Minutes as presented. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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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
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

## Management Reports

**Operations and Fleet Report** – Rollie Waite reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Recent Outages
- Morrill Fire & Restoration

The Wildfire Mitigation Plan topic was discussed. Management will be researching and compiling information on this topic.

**Technical Service Report** – Jim Weeda reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Standards Committee Update
- Apprenticeships
- GPS Collection Bids
- FEMA 2024 Update
- Construction Work Plan

Jim Weeda informed the board we have lost one compressor in our HVAC system on the north side. Historically once one compressor goes, the other two will go. Collin Anderson moved to approve to have all three compressors replaced for \$15,000. Marcus Milanuk seconded the motion, roll call vote by the directors 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.

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Moe Moffat moved to table the bid from Zeitview regarding the GPS Collection to next month. The board would like more information. Jennifer 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
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.

**Break (9:57 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.)**

**Public Relations Report** – Kelli Chaon reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Morrill Fire Customer Billing
- Open Positions
- Net Metering Billing
- Economic Development – USDA Grant Opportunities

Marcus Milanuk made a motion to approve the delinquent charge for each account impacted by the Morrill Fire be written off (estimated cost \$705). Those accounts subject to disconnect at the end of the month that were on the impacted list will not be subject to disconnect. Collin Anderson seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Finance Report**– Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the Finance report in the board book.

- February 2026 Financials
- Audit Update

Moe Moffat moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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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
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

Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to write off inventory of cross arms the District no longer uses in the amount of \$31,001.54. These cross arms can be used by customers impacted by the Morrill Fire on a first come first service basis. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

**CEO's Report** - Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Commitment to Excellence & Board Self-Assessment Planning Session
- Mutual Aid Appreciation
- 4-10 Work Week
- Power Supply

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve changing work hours at Wheat Belt to 4-10 hour days beginning mid-April of each year and running through mid-October of each year with hours of operation being 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The other six months will be 5-8 hour days with hours of operation being 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In 2026, the 4-10 hour schedule will begin on May 4, 2026. Stuart Morgan seconded the motion, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

## Power Supply Reports

Stuart 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:

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

## Strategic Plan

Joseph Michalewicz reported on the following regarding the Strategic Plan 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

## Legal Report – Kendra Strommen presented the Legal Report

Kendra Strommen stated she would suggest new appraisals be conducted on the Oshkosh and Dalton outpost facilities prior to them being listed for sale. Strommen will locate an appraisal company and get the appraisals scheduled. Strommen reported she has suspended legal services to Chimney Rock PPD.

## Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 11:42 a.m., Michalewicz, Strommen, Waite, Weeda, Richards, and Chaon were asked to stay to discuss Employee & Organization Review; Power Supply Update and Direction. Moe Moffat made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 11:42 a.m. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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**Lunch Break (12:20 p.m. to 12:51 p.m.)**

Stuart Morgan was asked to leave the executive session at 12:51 p.m. Returned at 1:18 p.m.

Collin Anderson made a motion to end the executive session at 1:30 p.m. and Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by 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.

Motion by Marcus Milanuk to award salaried employees' a bonus that was presented to the board by Joseph Michalewiz for their hard work and dedication during the Morrill Fire. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by directors as follows:

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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Motion by Marcus Milanuk to send letter of intent of withdrawal to Tri-State G&T. Moe Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Abstained)
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.

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Toni Blomenkamp and Stuart Morgan reported on the NRECA Annual Meeting.

**Delegates and Other Organizational Items**

No action taken.

**Future Meetings and Trainings**

- April Safety Meeting - Friday, April 10, 2026 – Sidney, NE
- Commitment to Excellence & Board Self-Assessment Planning Session - Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – Sidney NE
- April Regular Board Meeting - Friday, April 24, 2026 – Sidney, NE
- Tri-State Annual Meetings - April 9-10, 2026 – Westminster, CO
- NRECA Legislative Conference - April 26-28, 2026 – Washington, DC
- NREA Board Meeting – May 6-7, 2026 – Norfolk, NE
- CFC Forum – June 15-17, 2026 – Chula Vista, CA
- NRECA Director Summer School – June 26-30, 2026 – Louisville, KY
- CFC Region 7 & 9 – October 5-7, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT

**Public Comment Period**

No comments were received from the public.


**Other Business**


- The next regular board meeting is Friday, April 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.
- Discussion was held on proprietary information that other power suppliers have asked not be shared with the delegate from Tri-State.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 1:54 p.m.

**Attest:**

  
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Brian Zimmerman, President

  
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Toni Blomenkamp, Secretary