

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS - WHEAT BELT PPD**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of Wheat Belt Public Power District was called to order by President, Brian Zimmerman, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 12, 2021, at the District Headquarters, 11306 RD 32, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The following Directors were present:

Toni Blomenkamp  
Moe Moffat  
Brian Zimmerman

Marcus Milanuk  
Stuart Morgan

Also present were Lacey Gulbranson, Interim General Manager, and Jason Weigle.

Debra Schlaman recorded these Minutes at the request of the Board Secretary.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Brian Zimmerman declared a quorum present.

Attention of the Directors and attendees was directed to the Open Meetings poster.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Milanuk made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Moffat seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice of the Special meeting was by publication in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, and proof of publication showing such notice as published is attached and thereby made a part of these Minutes. Milanuk made a motion to waive the reading of the meeting notice. Moffat seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Kendra Strommen

### **Executive Session**

An Executive Session was called at 8:32 a.m. by Moffat to discuss a FERC Settlement matter and the GM search. Milanuk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Attorney Jason Gray was present by teleconference. Strommen and Gulbranson remained for the Executive Session. Morgan left the meeting at 8:32 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:51 a.m., after completion of the FERC discussion.

A motion was made by Milanuk and seconded by Moffat to resume the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

### **FERC Settlement Offer on the Stated Rate Tariff Case**

Zimmerman reported that we are still waiting to hear from Tri-State. No action was taken.

### **General Manager Search**

Zimmerman reported that a posting for the General Manager replacement position will be made at NREA and NRECA.

### **Board Appointee Process for February 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

Strommen reported on the process for the two vacant board positions. Following her research, several recommendations were presented, and Statute 70-615 will be followed.

Recommendations from Strommen were:

The Chairman should appoint a three-person committee to conduct interviews. The interviews should be closed to the public and a list of standard questions that are asked of all interviewees should be formalized.

The Committee should prioritize three to four candidates for the Directors to vote on. The Directors may vote on whichever candidate they choose even if this is not a prioritized candidate.

The Board should nominate a candidate and then vote (one at a time). There should be a separate nomination for each candidate.

The Board cannot go into closed session to discuss the candidates. This action must take place in open session.

Following questions and discussion, a motion was made by Milanuk to form a Special Committee to review the applications and conduct the interviews. Blomenkamp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

President Zimmerman appointed Morgan as the Chairman of the Committee.

The Directors conducted ballot voting for two members for the Committee. Zimmerman and Milanuk were elected.

A Mission Statement was developed: To review and conduct interviews for the two open director positions.

A timeframe was established: February 17, 2021, is the cutoff date for applications to be submitted. Resumes will be submitted at the end of the work day on the 17<sup>th</sup> to the Committee members for review. The Committee will meet following the February 19, 2021, Special Board meeting to review and discuss the applications. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Other**

Gulbranson reminded the directors that Form C-1, Financial Disclosure Statements for the State of Nebraska, are due March 1, 2021. Copies were given to the Directors.

**The next Special Board meeting will be Friday, February 19, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Brian Zimmerman, President

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Brian Moffat, Secretary

