

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - WHEAT BELT PPD
APRIL 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wheat Belt Public Power District was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 27, 2007, at the District Headquarters, 2104 Illinois Street, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

The following Directors were present:

Martin Petersen
Bernie Fehringer
Stuart Morgan
Doug Smith

Paul Robinson
Dennis Zimmerman
Jim Hass

Also present were Aavo Taaler, General Manager; Carolyn Hostetler, Chief Financial Officer; Ryan Borges, Staking Engineer/Construction Supervisor; Pam Wieser, Business Manager; Earl Reilly, Operations Manager; Shelley Peterson, Human Resources and Wayne Rasmuss of Ameritas Investment Corp.

Directors absent – None

Paul Robinson, President, declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as mailed. Hass seconded the motion. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of this meeting was given by publication in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on Saturday, April 14, 2007, and proof of publication showing such notice as published is attached and thereby made a part of the minutes. Morgan made a motion to waive the reading of the notice. Fehringer seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Taaler introduced Wayne Rasmuss of Ameritas Investment Corp. Robinson welcomed him to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 30TH MINUTES

Morgan moved to waive the reading of the March 30, 2007, regular Board meeting minutes and that they be approved as mailed. M. Petersen seconded the motion. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

CHANGE TO THE FEBRUARY 26TH BOARD MINUTES

The February Board minutes stating “The Board” was of the opinion that Peetz was qualified to do the work was declared incorrect.

After further consideration, Smith made a motion to rescind the Board’s decision to sell Tim Peetz the line to be retired and removed by Peetz. Wheat Belt will remove the line at Wheat Belt’s expense to avoid any safety and precedence setting issues. M. Petersen seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

BOND CALL AND ISSUE

Wayne Rasmuss of Ameritas Investment Corp gave a presentation outlining the procedures to call the current bond Issue #2002 and issue new bonds (Issue #2007). A discussion was held regarding interest savings and costs associated with the recall and reissue of the District’s tax-free municipal bonds.

Smith moved to approve Resolution #07-03 authorizing the issuance of Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2007 Series, in the principal amount of \$940,000. Fehringer seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

M. Petersen moved to approve Resolution #07-02 calling for payment on May 30, 2007, of the Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2002 Series. Hass seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Taaler reported that Ryan Kelly’s last day of employment would be May 4, 2007. He has accepted a job at NPPD in North Platte, Nebraska. Adam Lechman will be graduating from the Alliance Lineman School in May and will be starting to work for Wheat Belt PPD shortly after graduation. Kevin Coss, Oshkosh Foreman, will discuss the opening in Oshkosh with him.

Deryl Travis of Smith Barney contacted Taaler regarding their upcoming Board visit. Travis would like to attend the June Board meeting instead of the May Board meeting. The Board agreed to this change.

The financials were discussed. Taaler and Hostetler answered questions.

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A short discussion was held on the bills that are in the Legislature.

Taaler recommended Wheat Belt continue donating five percent of our CFC patronage Capital refund to the CFC integrity Fund. The Board agreed to this donation.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS REPORT

Reilly reported on the major outages since the last Board meeting.

Steve Groshans has completed an infrared inspection of all the substations and no problems were found. Another inspection will be conducted this summer when the substations are heavily loaded.

Crews continue replacing rotted poles in the Redington area. Shell rotted poles in the Big Springs area have been replaced also.

Consolidated Fleet Services has completed the annual truck inspections.

The four-wheeler training has been completed.

The construction of the new garage building has begun.

Borges reported that approximately two and one half miles of copperweld wire was removed in 2006. He distributed a fact sheet and map to the Board of Directors to show what copperweld wire was left on our system.

Borges has been in contact with ESC on the proposed Ethanol Plant in Bridgeport. Wheat Belt will be able to serve this new service with some line improvements. We will not have to build a new 34.5 KV line.

A cost of materials study was conducted by staff and as of May 1, 2007, Wheat Belt will adjust their construction prices accordingly.

BUSINESS REPORT

The Compact Florescent Light Bulb give away is underway. We have given out approximately 200 pair.

No service contracts have been received from Performance Pipe or the new ethanol plant. A final decision is pending Union Pacific action.

Wieser introduced Jane Bartels to the Board. She is the new Customer Care Assistant. The Board welcomed her to the Wheat Belt team.

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Wieser discussed a customer who had been submitting false readings.

Tim Lindahl's report was reviewed, as he was absent from the meeting. Taaler stated that the metering project is near completion. In early May, a staff Strategic Planning meeting will be held to see what the next steps regarding technology will be.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zimmerman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. "to prevent the needless injury to an individual regarding Director expenses and to discuss the advice given by legal counsel and that no other business is to be taken in this Executive Session". Hass seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried. President Robinson repeated the reason for going into executive session. M. Petersen made a motion to end Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. Zimmerman seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Hass made a motion to accept a check in the amount of \$484.84 from Bernie Fehring for reimbursement of expenses paid that were paid by others. Zimmerman seconded. Yea: Morgan, Smith, Zimmerman, Hass and M. Petersen. Fehring abstained. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to call for a vote of confidence on the Tri-State Director. Hass seconded. Yea: Smith, Morgan, Zimmerman, M. Petersen and Hass. Abstained: Fehring. Motion carried. The vote of no confidence was unanimous. Nominations for the Tri-State Director were taken. The result was one vote for Fehring and six votes for Morgan. Fehring made a motion to go into a second Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. to discuss the position of the Tri-State Director. M. Petersen seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried. M. Petersen made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. Zimmerman seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried. Subsequently an election for the Tri-State Director was held with Fehring receiving one vote and Morgan receiving six votes. Morgan will be the new Tri-State Director effective April 27, 2007.

MEETING REPORTS

Fehring reported on the April Tri-State Board meeting.

Taaler reported on the Tri-State Managers' meeting and the NREA Managers' meeting.

Short discussions were held.

SAFETY ITEMS

The April 13, 2007, Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed and thoroughly discussed.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Policy C-17: Yard and Lease/Rental Lights, Policy C-19: Customer Requested Service Connections or Disconnects After Business Hours, Policy C-20: Service Sizing Request (Single Customer), Policy C-21: Energy Efficiency Credit Rebates and Policy C-22: Reward for Damage Reporting: M. Petersen made a motion to readopt the above policies. Smith seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Policy D-1: Director Compensation and Expense Report: Smith made a motion to adopt Policy D-1 with no changes after a discussion was held. M. Petersen seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Policy C-15: Failure of Customer Equipment: Tabled for further review.

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Taaler visited about the irrigation motor capacitor program that has been designed. Five irrigation service sites have been selected for the testing project. Wheat Belt will supply the capacitors and the customers will pay to have them installed. A short discussion followed.

Taaler reported that several of the staff would be attending the FERC Mandatory Reliability Requirements meeting at Tri-State in early May.

FUTURE MEETINGS & TRAINING

Taaler reviewed the list of future Director meetings and training.

OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Robinson, President

Martin E. Petersen, Secretary