

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - WHEAT BELT PPD
MAY 25, 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, May 25, 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; Pam Wieser, Business Manager; Earl Reilly, Operations Manager; Shelley Peterson, Human Resources; Tim Lindahl, IT Specialist and Dean Gipfert, Sidney Area Maintenance Lineman.

Directors absent – None

Paul Robinson, President, declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Zimmerman made a motion to approve the agenda as mailed. M. Petersen 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, May 12, 2007, and proof of publication showing such notice as published is attached and thereby made a part of the minutes. M. Petersen made a motion to waive the reading of the notice. Fehringer seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Taaler introduced Dean Gipfert, Sidney Area Maintenance Lineman. Robinson welcomed him to the meeting.

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APPROVAL OF APRIL 27TH MINUTES

Smith moved to waive the reading of the April 27, 2007, regular Board meeting minutes and that they be approved as mailed. Morgan seconded the motion. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Taaler reported that Adam Lechman and Brent Waltman would begin employment on May 29, 2007. Lechman will be on the Construction crew and Waltman will be on the Oshkosh Area Maintenance crew.

Tim Lindahl graduated from the NRECA Management Internship Program (MIP). The Board congratulated him.

The financials were discussed. Taaler and Hostetler answered questions. Hostetler informed the Board that Line 18, Part A, on the Form 7 would be \$50,000 more as a result of expensing the remaining unamortized costs for previous bond issues.

The Board agreed that Wheat Belt should continue to give their annual donation of \$500 to the NRECA International Foundation. Taaler handed out a short video that details the efforts of the Foundation to each Director.

The ethanol plant in Bridgeport is definitely scheduled to be built. We still do not have anything in writing from the company. No formal contract has been signed.

Taaler reported that Lindahl will be giving a presentation at the July Board meeting regarding the metering and communications project at the substations.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS REPORT

Reilly reported no major outages since the last Board meeting.

Crews changed the main transformer in the South Sidney substation. This is the transformer that was rebuilt after it was hit by lightning last June.

The line move for Tim Peetz has been completed.

Irrigation meters have been read. There were problems on eight wells.

The new truck barn is complete. The wiring of the facility will be done by Jeff Rosenbaum.

Staking of the Colton three phase 2F copper wire line has begun.

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A new cost of material price list was discussed. This new price list is effective May 1, 2007. A short discussion followed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The Compact Florescent Light Bulb give away continues.

Prior to the Public Comment Period, Wieser briefed the Board on a reinstatement of electrical service. Brent Reichman, Jennifer Walmsley and Bryan Bruns were to attend to present their case, which was to be documented by legal papers.

Our automated telephone system that we used to notify customers of planned outages, request meter readings, etc., was outdated and needed to be upgraded. Lindahl has upgraded our system using the current phone system and the “free software” available on the web. He has written a program that accepts a file from our customer file to avoid entry work on planned outages.

Lindahl thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the Management Internship Program held in Madison, Wisconsin. He reported that it was a very beneficial experience, and feels Wheat Belt will gain from the education he received.

Lindahl has been asked to join the NRECA IT Planning Advisory Committee. He believes it would be a good way to stay aware of what the industry is doing and also make good contacts to better his knowledge and resources at Wheat Belt.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brent Reichman, Jennifer Walmsley and Bryan Bruns were present. They presented their case to the Board requesting reinstatement of an electrical service. M. Peterson made a motion to treat the service as a new service due to the legalities that were presented. Zimmerman seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried. The legal papers will be attached to the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

MEETING REPORTS

Morgan reported on the May Tri-State Board meeting.
Taaler reported on the Basin Electric Manager’s meeting, WyoBraska MDM meeting and the NREA Spring meetings.
Morgan and M. Petersen reported on the NRECA Legislative Rally.
Short discussions were held.

SAFETY ITEMS

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The May 11, 2007, Safety Meeting minutes and the Safety Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and thoroughly discussed.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Policy D-2: Director Insurance: Smith made a motion to adopt Policy D-2 as amended. Hass seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Policy D-3: Student Scholarships, Policy D-4: Selection of General Manager, Policy D-5: Board Directors Duties, and Policy D-6: Board of Directors/General Manager Relationship: M. Petersen made a motion to readopt the above policies. Morgan seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Policy D-7: Director Elections: Smith made a motion to adopt Policy D-7 as amended. M. Petersen seconded. Yea: Morgan, Smith, Zimmerman, Hass, M. Petersen. Nay: Fehringer. Motion carried.

Policy D-8: Director Absence from Meetings and Policy D-9: Electronic Communications: Morgan made a motion to readopt the above policies. Zimmerman seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Policy C-15: Failure of Customer Equipment: Fehringer made a motion to adopt Policy C-15 as amended. Hass seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Taaler reported on FERC Mandatory Reliability Requirements. He stated that this is a very detailed process. Fehringer made a motion transferring Wheat Belt's transmission ownership, FERC responsibilities, to Tri-State G & T. M. Petersen seconded. Yea: All present. Motion carried.

On June 7, 2007, a representative from NRTC will be here to give a presentation on the Cannon AMR system. Taaler encouraged the Board to attend.

FUTURE MEETINGS & TRAINING

Taaler reviewed the list of future Director meetings and training.

OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Robinson, President

Martin E. Petersen, Secretary