

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**November 22, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held November 22, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. 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, Legal Notice #L21-702, on November 10, 2021. 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
Sean Blackburn	<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: Lacey Gulbranson, Sharrell Keane, Kelli Chaon, Earl Reilly, Ryan Borges, Valerie Richards, Liz Skov and Jim Weeda.

Guests: Attorney Kendra Strommen

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. Sharrell Keane recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Moe Moffat.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Blackburn moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Milanuk, and roll call vote with Directors 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
Sean Blackburn	<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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### Public Comment Period

8:35 a.m. No comments were received.

### Reading of the Meeting Notice

Morgan moved to waive the reading of the meeting notice; Moffat seconded with role call vote 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
Sean Blackburn	<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.

### Introduction of Guests –

Attorney Kendra Strommen was introduced.

### Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes

Milanuk moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Blomenkamp with role call vote 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
Sean Blackburn	<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.

Milanuk moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2021, special meeting; Moffat seconded with role call vote as follows:

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

## Board Education –

Gulbranson and Keane presented overview of the 10 year financial history.

Due to the sensitive nature and personnel matters, Blackburn moved to enter executive session; Blomenkamp seconded followed by role call vote with 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
Sean Blackburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

## Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 9:08 and Attorney Strommen, Gulbranson and Keane were asked to stay.

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 9:39 a.m.; Eckhardt seconded. Role call voting by the directors 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
Sean Blackburn	<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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The board took a break from 9:39 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

## Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Reilly updated the board regarding the November Safety meeting.

## Department Reports

*Operations and Maintenance* – Reviewed by Reilly

*Construction and Engineering* – Reviewed by Borges

## 2022 Budget Hearing

The meeting was suspended at 10:00 a.m. to begin the Budget Hearing

Gulbranson reviewed the budget documentation as provided in the board book. Following discussion, a motion was made by Moffat and seconded by Morgan to approve the 2022 budget as presented with a roll call vote as follows:

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
Sean Blackburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing was concluded at 10:42 a.m.

## Department Reports (Continued)

*IT & Metering* – Reviewed by Weeda

*Corporate Services* – Reviewed by Keane

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### Irrigation Write off Requests:

Milanuk moved to approve the request for account 11130, Location 21690 in the amount of \$119.38 due to testing in accordance with policy and to deny the request for account 2140, Location 02020 in the amount of \$371.19 due to outside of policy. Moffat seconded with role call vote as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Sean Blackburn	<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

## General Manager's Report

Gulbranson reviewed her report focusing on the following items as outlined in the board book:

- Onboarding
- Leadership development
- Legal updates
- Travel
- Security

## FERC Interventions, Protests, and Settlement

No further actions were taken by the board.

## Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson updated the board on plans being made for the Strategic Planning Retreat January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book. Morgan has been appointed to the Tri-State rate committee.

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## Meeting reports

Chaon discussed the NRECA Supervisor Training held in Kearney, NE. Morgan and Gulbranson discussed the Basin Annual Meeting and Members only meeting in Bismarck, ND. Gulbranson reviewed the CFC Independent Borrower's Summit held in Tampa, FL.

## Policy Review

Milanuk moved to adopt Board Policies E-30, E-33, E-34, E-36, and E-37, which had no changes; Blackburn seconded. Role 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
Sean Blackburn	<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.

Milanuk moved to adopt Board Policy E-35 which was updated to add to the definitions along with 2 additional changes based upon board recommendation, Blackburn seconded. Role call vote as follows:

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

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Milanuk moved to adopt Board Policy E-31 and E-32 with recommended minor wording changes; Blackburn seconded. Role call vote as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Sean Blackburn	<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.

## Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed. One additional event was brought forth, NREA meeting in Kearney, December 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Delegations/Organizational Items

The delegate list was reviewed. No further actions were taken.

## Other Business

The next regular board meeting is Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office. Wheat Belt Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 11, 2021. District Strategic Planning to be held January 19-20, 2022.

## Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:39 a.m.

## Attest:

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Brian Zimmerman, President

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Brian Moffat, Secretary