

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
June 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held June 24, 2022, 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 #L22-387, on June 15, 2022. 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, Earl Reilly, Ryan Borges, and Sharrell Keane.

Guests: Attorney Kendra Strommen and Jonathan Williams from RVW, Inc.

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 Consent Agenda

Moffat moved to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Waive the reading of the Meeting Notice
 - Regular Board Meeting Notice June 24, 2022
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - May 27, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Acknowledgement of Other Notices
 - Bid for Contract Work
- Item 5: Approve Policies with no Changes (E-1, E-7, E-8, E-10)
- Item 5: Approve Policies with Changes (E-2, E-3, E-4, E-6, E-9)

The motion was seconded by Milanuk, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

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Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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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

Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests –

Introduction of Attorney Kendra Strommen and RVW representative, Jonathan Williams to join via teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment Period

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

Award Bid for Bucket Truck

Moffat moved to award the bid to Custom Truck in the amount of \$287,000 and to retain the right to explore trade in options with Custom Truck as well as exploring other trade/donation options. The motion was seconded by Eckhardt and a 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
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.

Board Education

Gulbranson presented an overview of the upcoming Cost of Service Study.

Award Bid for Line Crew Contract

Jonathan Williams of RVW Inc joined the meeting via conference call at 8:57 a.m. and presented an overview of the bid process and recommendations. Milanuk moved to award bid to Great Plains Power of Grand Island in the amount of \$269,700 for the construction of the 2007-148 & R Rebuild Colton to Sidney Distribution Line project by recommendation of RVW; Blackburn seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Reilly updated the board regarding the March Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Borges

Technologies – Reviewed by Gulbranson in Weeda’s absence

A break was taken from 9:55 – 10:04 am; upon return continued the Department Reports update.

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Keane

General Manager’s Report

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

- Summary of Operations
- Cost of Service Study
- Supply Chain
- SPP Alert
- Legal & Regulatory

Executive Session

No executive session was held

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

No new updates regarding FERC OATT rate, FERC Contract Termination Pricing or Basin Stated Rate Intervener.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed the strategic plan schedule of communication.

Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book.

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Policy Review

Blackburn moved to adopt Board Policy E-23 with major changes; Milanuk seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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Motion carried.

Meeting reports

Gulbranson discussed the NREA Managers Meeting held in June in St Paul, NE.

Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board book were discussed. In addition, there will be more board training possibilities online and in person through the end of the year. More information will be provided as information is received. Milanuk discussed NREA Special Board Meeting to be held June 29 which he and Gulbranson will be attending.

Delegations/Organizational Items

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

Other Business

Discussion was held regarding the transition of employees based on recent personnel changes

Next regular board meeting is Friday, July 22, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

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

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary