

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD**  
**July 22, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held July 22, 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 #L22-444, on July 13, 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, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Liz Skov, and Kelli Chaon.

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 Consent Agenda**

Blackburn 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 July 22, 2022
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - June 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (E-13, E-14, E-15, E-17, E-18)
- Item 5: Approve Polices with Changes (N/A)

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

Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guests –**

Introduction of Attorney Kendra Strommen.

**Public Comment Period**

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

**Board Education**

Gulbranson and Keane presented an overview of Debt Strategy

**Safety Issues and Safety Meeting**

Reilly updated the board regarding the July Safety meeting.

**Department Reports**

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Borges

- Moffat made a motion to approve a large budget exception in the amount of \$20,644.23 for truck repairs to Unit #25. Blackburn seconded followed by roll call vote with voting 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.

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Weeda

The board took a break at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

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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
- Safety Policies
- 2023 Wage/Benefit Timeline
- Other

### Executive Session – FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

There was no executive session held. Gulbranson gave an update on FERC discussion. call voting by the directors as follows:

### Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson and Borges reviewed the Efficiency Committee minutes.

### Power Supply Report

Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report submitted in the board book. Gulbranson gave an update on the Tri-State CEO Meeting.

### Policy Review

The board discussed new Board Policy F-6 Debt Strategy. Milanuk moved to adopt new Board Policy F-6 as presented with minor changes to clarify “growth of electrical plant” as “new load (either new customers or significant growth of existing customers)”; also providing guidance for a retail rate increase of 3% annually through 2028 as a target that will be reviewed annually. Eckhardt seconded. 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.

Milanuk moved to adopt Board Policy E-12 with major changes; Blackburn seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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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-16 with major changes; Blackburn seconded. 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
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Motion carried.

Policy E11 – Employment of Relatives was discussed and will be brought back for further review.

## Meeting reports

Milanuk provided an update on the Special NREA meeting held in Kearney regarding the CEO selection. Blomenkamp gave an overview of the NRECA virtual meeting held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. She also provided each board member with a handout of proposed resolutions to be voted on in September.

## Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed. Milanuk brought attention to the NREA nominations for committee members for Region 3 due July 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Delegations/Organizational Items

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

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**Other Business**

The next regular board meeting is Friday, August 26, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:31 a.m.

**Attest:**

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Brian Zimmerman, President

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Brian Moffat, Secretary