

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
October 28, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held October 28, 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 #L22-711, on October 20, 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, Ryan Borges, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Andy Kuhns, Eric Reimers, Nick Brauer, and Kelli Chaon.

Guests: John Krajewski of JKEnergy, Mark Churchill and Jerry Holdsworth of Arbor Wealth.

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: Legal Notice
 - Waive the reading of the Meeting Notice
 - Regular Board Meeting Notice October 28, 2022
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - September 23, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (M-01, F-02, F-03, F-05)
- Item 5: Approve Polices with Changes (F-04)

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

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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 –

Introduction of Mark Churchill and Jerry Holdsworth of Arbor Wealth and John Krajewski of JKEnergy Consulting.

Public Comment Period

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

Board Education

Andy Kuhns presented an overview of the Service Audit Project.

Economic/Investment Update

Mark Churchill (Arbor Wealth) provided an update on current economic outlook and impacts to the Wheat Belt investment portfolio.

The board took a break at 9:40 and reconvened at 9:46

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Borges updated the board regarding the October Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Ryan Borges

Borges provided an overview of his board report as well as provided an update on the Construction Work Plan.

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Jim Weeda

Corporate Services and Financials – Reviewed by Sharrell Keane

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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
- Wage Information
- Construction Workplan vs Reality
- Rate Design Committee
- Power Cost Adjustment
- WAPA Allocation
- Demand Response
- Charter amendment
- Halsey Youth Camp
- Federated Claims
- Increased Costs
- Seismic Testing
- Other

Policy Review

Moffat moved to eliminate policy IT-01 and merge content into policy E-35 as presented in the board book. 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
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.

Cost of Service Study

John Krajewski from JK Energy Consulting joined the board meeting and presented the initial finding of the Cost of Service study. Mr. Krajewski will return for the November board meeting to present final rate recommendations.

The board took a break for lunch from 12:00 – 12:32 pm.

2023 Budget Update

Gulbranson and Keane provided update on the progress of the 2023 budget and presented the Capital Expenditure and Large Expense Budget for approval.

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Eckhardt moved to approve the 2023 Capital Expenditure Budget; Milanuk 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.

Power Supply Report

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

The board took a break at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:08 p.m.

Executive Session – FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Due to the sensitive nature of ongoing and potential litigation, Milanuk moved to enter executive session to discuss FERC OATT Rate, FERC Contract Termination Pricing and Basic Stated Rate Intervener. Blackburn seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows

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

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 2:11 p.m., Gulbranson was asked to stay.

Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 2:28 p.m.; Milanuk seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting reports

Blomenkamp gave an overview of the NRECA Regional Meeting.

Strategic Plan Update

The review of the Strategic plan was deferred to the November meeting.

Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed.

Delegations/Organizational Items

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

Other Business

The next regular board meeting is Monday, November 21st, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 2:49 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary