

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
January 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held January 27, 2023, 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 #L23-078, on January 26, 2023. 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Present

At the time the meeting began Collin Anderson was not present but joined later in the meeting. Toni Blomenkamp joined the meeting via tele-conference and later joined in person.

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Lacey Gulbranson, Ryan Borges, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Ethan Mientka, Xander Burns, Cory Lundgren 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 Agenda

Milanuk made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Morgan, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows with Blomenkamp and Anderson not voting as they were not onsite at the time of the vote:

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

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Introduction of Guests –

Introduction of Attorney Kendra Strommen. Ryan Borges introduced Ethan Mientka, Xander Burns, and Cory Lundgren as our newest linemen.

Public Comment Period

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- Item 1: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice January 27,2023
 - Affidavit from the Regular Board Meeting Notice December 23, 2022
 - Affidavit from the annual General Manager’s salary notice January 12, 2023
- Item 2: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - December 23, 2022Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 3: Approve Policies with no Changes (D-1, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-5A, D-6, D-6A)
- Item 4: Approve Polices with Minor Changes (A-1, D-2)

The motion was seconded by Milanuk, 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Board Education

Weeda presented an overview of Cyber Security

Toni Blomenkamp joined the meeting in person at 9:09 a.m. and Collin Anderson joined at 9:12 a.m.

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was taken by C. Anderson, J. Eckhardt and B. Zimmerman.

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Election of Officers

President:

The Chair was surrendered to the General Manager for written nominations for the office of President. Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of President. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Gulbranson. Zimmerman was nominated by unanimous ballot.

A motion was made by Morgan to elect Zimmerman as Board President by acclamation. Milanuk seconded the motion followed by a roll call vote.

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

Vice President

The Chair was returned to President-elect Zimmerman who called for written nominations for Vice President. Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Vice President. Morgan and Milanuk were nominated for Vice-President. Milanuk respectfully declined the nomination. A motion was made by Moffat to elect Morgan Vice President by acclamation. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Secretary

Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Secretary. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Gulbranson. Moffat and Blomenkamp were nominated, and Blomenkamp respectfully declined the nomination. A motion was made by Zimmerman to elect Moffat as

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Secretary by acclamation. Milanuk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Collin Anderson	<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.

Treasurer

Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Treasurer. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Gulbranson. Milanuk was nominated. A motion was made by Morgan to elect Milanuk as Treasurer by acclamation. Moffat seconded the motion 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Assistant Secretary

Each Director nominated a candidate for the office of Assistant Secretary. Nominations were tallied by Chaon and Gulbranson. Blomenkamp was nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary. A motion was made by Zimmerman to elect Blomenkamp as Assistant Secretary. Moffat seconded the motion with roll call vote 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Motion carried.

NREA Board of Director

Each Director nominated a candidate for NREA Board of Director. Milanuk was nominated for NREA Board of Director. Moffat moved and Eckhardt seconded to appoint Milanuk as NREA Board of Director. Roll 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
Collin Anderson	<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.

Tri-State Board of Director

Each Director nominated a candidate for Tri-State Board of Director. Morgan was nominated for Tri-State Board of Director. A motion was made by Zimmerman to elect Morgan as the Tri-State Board of Director. Milanuk seconded the motion with roll 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
Collin Anderson	<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.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting

Borges updated the board regarding the January Safety meeting and a sign-up sheet was passed to allow board members to choose a safety meeting to attend throughout the year.

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Safety Bonus Consideration

- Eckhardt made a motion to approve a safety bonus for all employees as recommended in the board book. Blomenkamp 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
Collin Anderson	<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.

Department Reports

Engineering and Line Crew – Reviewed by Ryan Borges

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Jim Weeda

- In addition to his report, Weeda reported that there would be a new position posted for a Line Equipment Technician. This is a new role and will also incorporate some responsibilities from a current vacant position.

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Sharrell Keane

- Milanuk brought forth a customer inquiry regarding how stock wells are charged. Customer would like to have the ability to disconnect or make these accounts dormant and to reduce costs. Board discussion was that it would cause expenses to be spread to other customers and resulted in operational complications. Decision was to leave current process/procedure as is.

General Manager’s Report

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

- Summary of Operations
- Federated Claims – active
- Tri-State Rate Design Committee
- General Update

Policy Review

Milanuk moved to adopt Board E-24, and E-2 with major changes; Anderson seconded. Roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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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
Collin Anderson	<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.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Discussion was had regarding the current legal investment, FERC OATT Rate, FERC Contract Termination Pricing and Basic Stated Rate Intervener.

A break was taken from 12:35 p.m. – 1:16 p.m.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed open position on the special Safety Strategic Planning committee.
Anderson was nominated to fill the vacancy via motion by Milanuk and seconded by Moffat.
Roll call voting by the directors 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Meeting reports

Gulbranson reviewed the Basin Member meeting held earlier in January.

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Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed. Clarification made that the Safety meeting will be Friday, February 17th and the next Board Meeting will be Friday, February 24th.

Delegations/Organizational Items

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

Other Business

Moffat, Milanuk and Strommen excused themselves from the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Gulbranson provided board orientation regarding several general board topics, history of Wheat Belt and a video on board fiduciary responsibilities.

The next regular board meeting is Friday, February 24, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 2:12 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary