

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
June 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held June 23, 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 #L23-358, on June 15, 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Lacey Gulbranson, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Sharrell Keane, Mark Cape, Nick Brauer and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen present

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by acting Acting President Stuart Morgan, Vice President, 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.

Introduction of Guests –

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Milanuk 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 23, 2023
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - May 26, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Approve Policies with no Changes (C-2, C-23, C-24, C-26, C-28)
- Item 5: Approve Polices with Minor Changes (N/A)
- Item 6: NREA Mutual Aid Agreement

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

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

Policy Review

Board Policy C-25 was discussed and tabled for further discussion in the July board meeting.

Moffat moved to adopt Board C-27 with changes; 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<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

Cape updated the board regarding the June Safety meeting.

Department Reports

Engineering – Reviewed by Mark Cape

Operations – Reviewed by Rollie Waite

IT & Metering – Reviewed by Jim Weeda

Corporate Services and Financials– Reviewed by Sharrell Keane

A break was taken from 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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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
- Federated Claims – active
- Customer Communications on Power Supply Increase
- Legislative
- Other topics
 - Gulbranson reviewed the potential new G-1 Transmission – Generation rate with no further action taken at this time.

Power Supply Report

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

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 Contract Termination Pricing, FERC contract Buy Down Pricing and FERC Formulary Rate. Eckhardt seconded followed by roll call vote with voting as follows.

Marcus Milanuk	<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.

Executive Session:

The board entered Executive session at 10:35 a.m., Gulbranson and Strommen were asked to stay.

Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 11:35 a.m.; Eckhardt seconded. Roll call voting by the directors as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	<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.

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Moffat made a motion to file as an intervener for the formulary rate to provide comments on state base regulatory cost. The motion was seconded by Andersen. 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
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed the Culture Committee minutes.

Meeting reports

As a member of the Nebraska ACRE political action committee, Milanuk provided an update on distribution of funds. Eckhardt attended online CCD training earlier in June.

Future Meetings and Trainings

The calendar and meeting materials provided within the board packet were discussed. An upcoming NREA meeting to be held in Scottsbluff on August 9th and 10th. The regional NRECA meeting will be held on September 26th – 28th. In Omaha.

Delegations/Organizational Items

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

Public Comment Period

11:30 a.m. No comments were received.

Other Business

No other business

The next regular board meeting is Friday, July 28, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:54 a.m.

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Attest:

Acting President Stuart Morgan, Vice-President

Brian Moffat, Secretary