

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
May 23, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held May 23, 2025, at 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 #L25-319, on May 15, 2025. 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 Blumenkamp	<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, Tim Jones, Mark Cape, Kelli Chaon, and Andy Kuhns.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen present

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. Kendra Strommen recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Moe Moffat.

Introduction of Guests:

Tim Craig

Shawn Prochaska, P.E., Chief Electrical Engineer for RVW, Inc.

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda with minor corrections containing the following:

- Item 1: Approval of the agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading Regular Board Meeting Notice May 23, 2025
 - Notice to Bidders: Wheat Belt Public Power District Votech 34.5kV
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - April 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Policies with no Recommended Changes
 - D-13: Non-Director Officers
 - D-14: Filling Vacancy on the Board of Directors
 - C-7: Payment Responsibility
 - C-8: Time Limitations

The motion was seconded by Anderson, 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
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Motion carried		

- All Board members have an opportunity prior to voting to pull any item from the Consent Agenda to discuss as its own issue.

Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

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Policy Review

Morgan moved to approve the proposed policies with minor changes and any typographical errors in D-15: Conflicts of Interest; C-9: Disconnect for Non-Payment; O-5: After Hours Connections or Disconnects; and F-3: Investments; Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

2024 Audit Review

Audit presentation by Tim Jones, which reviewed the Summary of the modifications to the Audit Report provided in the board book.

Milanuk moved to approve the 2024 Audit Review; Anderson seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Motion carried		

Strategic Plan Update

Gulbranson reviewed the following:

- 2025-2027 Strategic Plan Review/Approval focusing on Strengths as written in the board book.

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Eckhart moved to approve the Strategic Plan; Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried

Jennifer Eckhardt volunteered to take ownership of implementing the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan focusing on Strength Board Governance as the Board's representative and Lacey Gulbranson volunteered to be the representative for the staff to assist the board representative.

Vo-Tech Transmission Line Labor Contract

Telephone call with Shawn Prochaska, the Chief Electrical Engineer for RVW, Inc. at 9:00am.

Milanuk moved to approve and accept the bid from Altitude Energy; Anderson seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stuart Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Moe Moffat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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CEO Executive Search

Discussion was had on the scope of NRECA Executive Search services which includes 3 on-site visits to the utility office or other designated locations to conduct the kick-off meeting, screening meeting and interviews. The kick off meeting will held on June 13, 2025.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Cape updated the board regarding the May 9th Safety meeting. Blumenkamp was the Board member guest at the meeting. A video on distracted driving was watched and appreciated by all. Cape reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book.

Department Reports

Engineering – Mark Cape reported that he and Kurt are still working on easements for the Covalt single phase conversion to three phase, hope to have these completed soon. They have received a bid from Cross Country Engineering for the Lewellen two-mile line replacement, we will determine if they proceed with this project. Cape reviewed the remainder of the Operations Report in the board book.

Operations – Rollie Waite reported on the monthly outages. He also reported on the completed work which included completing the 2 miles of copper weld, rotten pole replacements West of Gurley. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Operations Report in the board book.

Technology – Andy Kuhns reviewed the Technology Department Report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

Finance & Administrative Services – Tim Jones reviewed the Finance and Administrative Services report in the board book with nothing additional to add.

- Customer Engagement and Marketing
 - April sent out 319 delinquent reminders
 - April had 10 accounts disconnected
 - April had 4 new service orders
 - April had 0 services retired
 - April had 14 ownership transfers and 4 tenant transfers
 - 88% completed with the customer account audit

Finance Reports – Tim Jones reviewed the Statement of Operations, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flow, Temporary Investments that can be found in the board book.

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General Manager's Report

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

- General Update
- General Operational Update
- Sr. Management Transition- Mark's Upcoming Retirement
- Sidney Training Facility
- FEMA- April 2024 Storm

Power Supply Report

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

Gulbranson and Jones reviewed the contract termination pricing presentation that is printed in the board book.

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Gulbranson provided an update on the following:

- Contract Termination Pricing
- Formulary Rate Filing
 - Fair and Reasonable Tilt Coalition
- Demand Response Tariff
- High Impact Load Tariff

Meeting Reports

Marcus Milanuk, Lacey Gulbranson and Kelli Chaon attended the NRECA Connect Conference in Kansas City, MO.

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

Nothing to report this month

Future Meetings and Trainings

- June Safety Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2025
- June General Board Meeting– Friday, June 27, 2025
- The CEO Executive Search kick off meeting will be on Friday, June 13, 2025.
- Other Upcoming Meetings

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Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

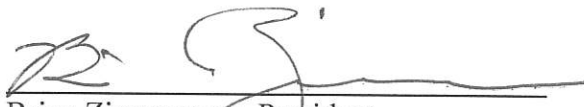
Other Business

- Marcus Milanuk received a Certificate of Achievement award from NRECA in recognition of having successfully completed the Director Gold Program (GOLD Director Gold credential)
- Toni Blomenkamp received a Certificate of Achievement award from NRECA in recognition of having successfully completed the Board Leadership Program (BLC – Director BLC credential)
- The next regular board meeting is Friday, June 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 11:02 a.m.

Attest:



Brian Zimmerman, President



Brian Moffat, Secretary

