

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
April 24, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held April 24, 2026, 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 as LR26-239, on April 16, 2026. The agenda was emailed to the directors, posted in the lobby and boardroom at Wheat Belt’s headquarters, and the availability of the agenda at the District office was part of the 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Present

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Joseph Michalewicz, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Valerie Richards, Andy Kuhns, Brooke Darden, Kathryn Kratzer, Cory Lundgren, and Kelli Chaon.

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. Kelli Chaon recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Toni Blomenkamp.

Introduction of Guests:

Cheyenne County Commissioner Randy Miller

Public Comment Period

Cheyenne County Commissioner Randy Miller spoke to the board regarding the Village of Lodgepole not having a quorum for its board of trustees. The Village is unable to conduct business, including paying its bills.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Stuart Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Item 1: Approval of the Agenda
- Item 2: Legal Notices

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- Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice April 24, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
 - March 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 15, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes (Board Self-Assessment & Commitment to Excellence)
- Item 4: Review of Policies – Minor recommended changes (D-1, D-2, D-7, D-8, D-9, and D-11)

The motion was seconded by Marcus Milanuk, 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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.

Policy D-3 changes were presented. Marcus Milanuk moved to accept Policy D-3 as presented. Toni Blomenkamp 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the April 10, 2026, Safety meeting. Waite reviewed the remainder of the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book with nothing additional to add. The next Safety Meeting will be on May 14, 2026.

Moe Moffat moved to accept the Safety Review and Safety Minutes as presented. Jennifer 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

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

Management Reports

Operations Report – Rollie Waite reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Fleet Update & Considerations

Cory Lundren gave a brief presentation on the Safety Leadership Summit he attended in St. Louis.

Technical Service Report – Jim Weeda reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Zeitview Presentation
- GPS Collection Bids
- New Apprenticeships
- Rex Ranch Conversion
- FEMA 2024 Update
- Construction Work Plan Update

Moe Moffat moved to approve the Option 1 bid as presented in the amount of \$82,680, from Zeitview for GPS collection. Marcus Milanuk seconded the motion, roll call vote by the directors 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the conversion to solar for Location 9-3824, supported by a legal letter describing the emergency situation and the condition of the land. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
Marcus Milanuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Brian Zimmerman	<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
Jennifer Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Motion carried.

Break (10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.)

Public Relations Report – Kelli Chaon reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- CT Billing Errors
- Village of Lodgepole
- E-2 Rate Change

Moe Moffat moved to approve the suggested changes to Rate E-2; Distribution Heavy Industrial. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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.

The Board was in consensus regarding allowing the Village of Lodgepole an extension until August to pay their Wheeling statement and two other services billed by Wheat Belt.

Finance Report– Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the Finance report in the board book.

- March 2026 Financials
- Auditors' Report

Decora & Company PC reviewed the 2025 Audit with the Board. The final audit will be presented at the May 22, 2026, Board meeting.

Marucs Milanuk moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Moe Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors 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

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

Motion carried.

Lunch Break (12:00 p.m. to 12:38 p.m.)

CEO's Report - Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Legislative Update
- Organizational Forward Look
- Oshkosh Warehouse
- Operations Changes
- Power Supply

Stuart Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report along with the supplemental report submitted in the board book.

Legal Report – Kendra Strommen presented the Legal Report

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

Update to the following:

- High Impact Load Tariff

Marcus Milanuk moved to file a protest against the High Impact Load Tariff Tri-State filed with FERC. Moe Moffat seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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.

Strategic Plan

Joseph Michalewicz reported on the following regarding the Strategic Plan that can be found in the board book:

- Consider and Analyze Various Power Supply Options

Executive Session

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The board entered Executive Session at 1:46 p.m., Michalewicz, Strommen, Waite, Richards, and Chaon were asked to stay to discuss the Power Supply Update and Direction. Marcus Milanuk made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. Moe Moffat 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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.

Stuart Morgan left the executive session at 2:07 p.m. He did not return to the meeting.

Marcus Milanuk made a motion to end the executive session at 2:35 p.m. Moe Moffat seconded, roll call vote by directors 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Absent)

Motion carried.

Meeting Reports

No reports were given.

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

CoBank Incumbency Certificate needs to be signed by the Directors.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- NRECA Legislative Conference - April 26-28, 2026 – Washington, DC
- NREA Committee & Board Meetings – May 6-7, 2026 – Norfolk, NE
- Safety Electrical Training for NRD – May 21, 2026 – Sidney, NE
- Tri-State Committee & Board Meeting – June 1-3, 2026 – Westminster, CO
- CFC Forum – June 15-17, 2026 – Chula Vista, CA

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- NRECA Director Summer School – June 26-30, 2026 – Louisville, KY
- CFC Region 7 & 9 – October 5-7, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- NRECA Director Winter School – December 11-15, 2026 – Nashville, TN

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.


Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, May 22, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 2:38 p.m.

Attest:



Brian Zimmerman, President



Toni Blomenkamp, Secretary

