Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
July 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held July 27, 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 #10201, on July 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	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Moe Moffat	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Stuart Morgan	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Collin Anderson	☐ Present	☒ Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Present	☐ Not Present

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Joseph Michalewicz, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Valerie Richards, Andy Kuhns, Brooke Darden, Jordan Peters, Austin Dormann, and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen, left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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: Sam Fehringer and Jasper Gulbranson

Public Comment Period
No comments were received.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Marcus Milanuk moved to pull the Agenda from the Consent Agenda and approve the amended agenda. Stuart Morgan seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No

Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)

Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Item 2: Legal Notices
  - Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice July 27, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - June 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Review of Policies – Minor recommended changes (C-12, C-18, C-21, C-25, C-28)

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Eckhardt, roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ 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.

Policies C-15; Failure of Customer Equipment and C-24: Irrigation Capacitor Rebate Program changes were presented. Stuart Morgan moved to approve the policies as presented. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

NRECA Youth Tour Presentations

Samual Fehringer and Jasper Gulbranson gave presentations regarding the 2026 NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Wheat Belt sponsored Samual and Jasper to attend the Tour as they had participated in the 2025 NREA Youth Energy Camp in Cozad.

Strategic Plan

Joseph Michalewicz reported on the following regarding the Strategic Plan.

- Consider and Analyze Various Power Supply Options
- Develop Succession Planning Structures & Practices

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

- High Impact Load Tariff Protest

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 8:47 a.m. Michalewicz, Waite, Richards, Darden, Weeda, and Chaon were asked to stay to discuss the Power Supply Options. Moe Moffat made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 8:47 a.m. Stuart Morgan seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Waite, Richards, Darden, Weeda, and Chaon were excused from the executive session to discuss Succession Planning Structures at 10:10 a.m.

Break (10:10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

Moe Moffat made a motion to end the executive session at 11:23 a.m. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Legal Report

No legal report was presented.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the July 9, 2026, Safety meeting. Rollie reviewed the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book and answered questions from the board. The safety education for this month's meeting was First Aid and Stop the Bleed. The next Safety Meeting will be on August 17, 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:

Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Management Reports

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

- Quad States
- Recent Outages & Operations Update

Austin Dormann has completed his apprenticeship and was presented with his certificate of completion at the board meeting.

Jordan Peters reported on the Quad States meeting he attended in Omaha.

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

- FEMA 2024 Morrill County Review
- FEMA 2024 Cheyenne County Bids
- Cybersecurity

Moe Moffat moved to approve the bid from Colorado Powerline Inc (CPI) for the contractor portion of the Cheyenne County FEMA project. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Stuart Morgan moved to approve the bid from Border States, as the vendor portion of the Cheyenne County FEMA project pending staff review. Jennifer Echkardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)

Motion carried.

Moe Moffat moved to approve the changes in the Zeitview proposal from 12,000 poles to 18,000 poles. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

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

- Cost of Service Study

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

- June 2026 Financials
- Banking Accounts
- ICS Sweep Account Opening

Toni Blomenkamp moved to approve Wheat Belt opening an ICS Sweep Account with Security 1st Bank. Stuart Morgan seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

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

- Fraud & Risk Analysis
- Oshkosh Outpost
- Financial Education & Preparation

Power Supply Report

- Tri-State Report
- Tri-State CTP Updates
- Tri-State Transmission & Substation Facilities Update
- Power Supply Timeline

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

Meeting Reports

- No reports

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

- Basin Electric Annual Meeting Delegate

The board's consensus is to appoint Jennifer Eckhardt as the Basin Delegate and Toni Blomekamp as the alternate.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- NREA Committee & Board Meeting – August 5-6, 2026 – Scottsbluff, NE
- Basin Electric Annual Meeting – August 11-13, 2026 – Bismarck, ND
- CFC Region 7 & 9 – October 5-7, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- NREA Annual Meeting – December 3-4, 2026 – Kearney, NE
- NRECA Director Winter School – December 11-15, 2026 – Nashville, TN
- Other Upcoming Meetings

Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, August 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 1:24 p.m.

Attest:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Toni Blomenkamp, Secretary