

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - WHEAT BELT PPD

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of Wheat Belt Public Power District was called to order by President, Brian Zimmerman, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 19, 2021, at the District Headquarters, 11306 RD 32, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

The following Directors were present:

Toni Blomenkamp
Moe Moffat
Brian Zimmerman

Marcus Milanuk
Stuart Morgan

Also present were Lacey Gulbranson, Interim General Manager, Earl Reilly, Operations Manager, and Jason Weigle, Business Support Analyst.

Debra Schlaman recorded these Minutes at the request of the Board Secretary.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Brian Zimmerman declared a quorum present.

Attention of the Directors and attendees was directed to the Open Meetings poster.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moffat made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Milanuk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of the Special meeting was by publication in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and proof of publication showing such notice as published is attached and thereby made a part of these Minutes. Milanuk made a motion to waive the reading of the meeting notice. Morgan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kendra Strommen

Public Hearing & Comment Period

No one appeared before the Board.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called at 8:32 a.m. by Moffat to discuss a FERC Settlement matter. Milanuk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

Attorney Jason Gray was present by teleconference. Strommen and Gulbranson remained for the Executive Session. Morgan left the meeting at 8:32 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:09 a.m., after completion of the FERC discussion.

A motion was made by Moffat and seconded by Blomenkamp to resume the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea: All present. Motion carried.

General Manager Search

Zimmerman reported that several applications had been received.

Gulbranson and Weigle developed a Selection of General Manger Policy and presented a revised draft to the Board.

Strommen reported that letters have been sent to the applicants stating that Wheat Belt had received their applications and resumes. Strommen explained procedures for selection and questions and discussion followed.

Discussion was held concerning having a Wheat Belt employee on the interview committee. The directors agreed in order to keep the continuity with the employees.

Discussion was held concerning the final date for applications. At least thirty days was recommended and Gulbranson will have the posting edited to add the recommended date of March 15, 2021.

FERC Settlement Offer on the Stated Rate Tariff Case

Zimmerman reported that we are still waiting to hear from Tri-State. No action was taken.

Board Appointee Process for February 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

Zimmerman reported that there are several qualified applicants. The Committee member will meet following the meeting.

Weigle presented a summary of responsibilities for the Directors to use as a tool in the interview process. The committee members also had generated several interview questions.

Questions and discussion followed.

SPP Generation & Transmission Reliability and Rolling Blackouts

Gulbranson presented information on the rolling blackouts from the SPP Energy Emergency Alerts report and updated the Directors.

A timeline perspective was presented for the past week's interruptions.

Reilly also reported with Gulbranson. A key factor was reported: All forms of generation were impacted.

Morgan reported on Tri-State's capacity and pricing during the emergency outages.

Reports and discussion from the Board followed.

Other

Gulbranson distributed the Safety Meeting sign-up sheets to the Directors.

She also had information on Co-Bank if anyone was interested in the Co-Bank director position.

A photographer will be present at 8:00 a.m. Friday, February 26th, prior to the regular Board meeting for any Director who would like a refresher photo or for the newly elected Board members.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Friday, February 26, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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A reception was held for Tim Lindahl with employees and directors present. A plaque and gift were presented by Board President Zimmerman. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream.

ATTEST:

Brian Zimmerman, President

Brian Moffat, Secretary