



**MINUTES**  
**DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**October 6, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dawson Public Power District was held October 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Headquarters at 75191 Road 433, Lexington, Nebraska, pursuant to written notice to each of the Directors and publication in the Tri-City Tribune, North Platte Telegraph, and the Kearney Hub, the proofs of publication being attached to the minutes of this meeting. The agenda of subjects was included in the Notice to Directors, and the availability of said agenda at the District Headquarters Office was a part of said newspaper publication. The President announced the posting of the open meetings act.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Hecox, President, who presided, and Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

Upon calling the roll, the following Directors were reported to be:

-Page Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Rodger White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Bill Henry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Dave Dwiggin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Brad Brodine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Craig Wietjes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Dan Muhlbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Joe Jeffrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present

Gwen Kautz was also present throughout the meeting.

Also present at various times throughout the meeting were:

- Marsha Banzhaf
- Rob Hanna
- Jerry Hobelman
- Shannon Peard
- Jeremy Kaiser

Motion by Director Wietjes to excuse Director Peterson. Seconded by Director Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Upon motion by Director Kennicutt, duly seconded by Director Dwiggin, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows

-Page Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bill Henry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dave Dwiggins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Brad Brodine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Craig Wietjes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dan Muhlbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Joe Jeffrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted:

2021-5845 RESOLVED: That the agenda, as amended, of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of September 1, 2021, be approved.

**APPROVE MINUTES.** A draft copy of the minutes of the prior month's Board meeting is included immediately following this report. After any additions or corrections, the minutes should be approved.

Upon motion by Director Henry, duly seconded by Director Dwiggins, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

-Page Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bill Henry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dave Dwiggins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Brad Brodine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Craig Wietjes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dan Muhlbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Joe Jeffrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted

2021-5846 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of the prior month's Board meeting, be approved.

**CUSTOMER COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES.** Customer comments and concerns were discussed to ensure appropriate board and staff follow-up.

**SAFETY REPORT.** Jeremy provided a safety report to the board, reporting on the Safety Achievement exit interview summary.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

A. Budget to actual review. The board discussed current budget to actuals.

B. Form 7 review. The board reviewed and discussed Form 7 in detail.

C. Consent Agenda. The board reviewed the following items:

i. Wholesale power bill. The wholesale power bill was presented and discussed.

ii. Invoices. The list of invoices, which are to be paid subject to approval by the Board, and the list of Electronic Fund Transfers were presented and discussed.

iii. Electronic Fund Transfers.

iv. District funds at the end of the month prior. District account information was presented.

v. Active work plan – budget to actual.

vi. Accounts receivable

vii. Current YTD Revenue & Expenses by Type.

viii. Investment recap

Included was a capital budget comparison. District funds at the end of the month prior, a listing of District investments, investment charts, and investment changes were provided for review in the financial section.

The items listed in the Consent Agenda in the Written Report were reviewed and discussed. Upon motion by Director White, duly seconded by Director Kennicutt, and a roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

-Page Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bill Henry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dave Dwiggins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Brad Brodine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Craig Wietjes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Dan Muhlbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Joe Jeffrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted:

2021-5847: RESOLVED: That the Consent Agenda, including the payment of invoices, be approved and invoices be ordered to be paid, as described in the Manager’s Written Report in greater detail, including the following:

- A. Approve Invoices.
- B. Review and Discuss Operating and Financial Reports.

**APPROVE GROSS RECEIPTS TRANSITION PLAN.** Gwen presented again on the proposal to transition to standardizing the District’s collection of gross receipts tax.

Motion by Director Muhlbach, to adopt the proposal to collect half of the gross receipts tax from customers not currently paying gross receipts tax in 2022, and to collect all of the gross receipts tax in 2023. Seconded by Director Jeffery. Motion carried with all present voting in favor except Director White, who voted no, and Director Kennicutt, who abstained.

**2021 LOAD CONTROL SUMMARY.** Cole provided the 2021 load control wrap-up.

Director Peterson was present.

**SENATOR WILLIAMS & SENAOTR HUGHES VISIT.** Rick Nelson and James Dukesherer from NREA visited with the board. The two senators provided an update about legislative districting. Also discussed was term limits for both and what the legislature faces in the next few years.

**BENEFITS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.** The employee Benefits Committee presented on their recommendation to the board of a 4.5% cost of living increase, with the employees to cover the same percentage of the increased health insurance premium costs. The board discussed the proposal. The finance team recommended accepting the proposal.

Motion by Director Muhlbach to approve a 4.5% cost of living increase in salaries, with the employees to continue to cover the same percentage of health insurance premium costs, retroactive to October 1, 2021. Seconded by Director Wietjes. Motion carried unanimously.

**BEYOND 2020.** Gwen updated on the status of the Phase II report.

**NEW BUSINESS.** None was presented.

**DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED.** The following presented on their attendance.

a. NE G&T Board Meeting & joint mtg with NPPD	Sept 8-9	Dan, Brad
b. Safety Meeting	Sept 15	Rodger
c. NREA Manager’s Mtg & Legal Seminar	Sept 15-16	Gwen
d. Mid-west Electric Consumers Mtg	Sept 27-29	Craig
e. NRECA Region 7	Sept 28-30	Rodger, Gwen
f. NPPD PCA Discussion	Sept 28	Gwen

**AFFILIATION UPDATES.** Updates were provided on the following:

- a. NPPD
- b. NREA
- c. NE G&T
- d. NRECA
- e. Others

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORTS.** Reports were provided to the board, including the NRECA 2022 benefits update.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.** Gwen presented the following:

- a. Customer concern summary for prior month.
- b. NPPD 2020 GFPS rates
- c. NPPD PCA proposal for 2022

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/CALENDARS.**

- a. Calendars were coordinated.
- b. Safety meeting schedule was set.
- c. Selected date for next board meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the District headquarters.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 2:32 p.m.

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Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Pat Hecox, President