



MINUTES
DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 4, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dawson Public Power District was held October 4, 2023, 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 Lexington Clipper Herald, 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 Dan Muhlbach, President, who presided, and Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

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

-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Tyler Kugler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-David Pieper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Brad Brodine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Rodger White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Joe Jeffrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Page Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Present
-Mary Wroblewski	<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

Gwen Kautz was also present throughout the meeting.

Also present at various times throughout the meeting were:

- Marsha Banzhaf
- Paige McConville
- Cole Brodine
- Dean Kunkee
- Bob Miller
- Carmen Ackerman
- Jeremy Kaiser
- Robb Hanna

APPROVE AGENDA

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

-Page Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Tyler Kugler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Mary Wroblewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-David Pieper	<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
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted:

2023-5927 RESOLVED: That the agenda, as amended, of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the October 4, 2023, be approved.

Motion by Director Hecox, seconded by Director Kennicutt, to excuse Director White. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Wroblewski, duly seconded by Director Wietjes, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

-Page Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Tyler Kugler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Mary Wroblewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Pat Hecox	<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
-David Pieper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted

2023-5928 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of the prior month’s Board meeting be approved.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES. Board and staff discussed customer comments to ensure appropriate follow-up.

SAFETY REPORT. Dean was at training. Jeremy provided a brief safety update.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.

A. Budget to actual review. The board discussed current budget to actuals. CFO Carmen Ackerman presented.

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.

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 Wietjes, duly seconded by Director Jeffrey, and a roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

-Page Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Rodger White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Bob Kennicutt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Tyler Kugler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Pat Hecox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
-Mary Wroblewski	<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

-David Pieper



Yes



No

the following Resolution was adopted:

2023-5929 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.

PUBLIC TRUST ADVISORS PRESENTATION. Aaron Bos from Public Trust Advisors/Nebraska CLASS joined the board via Zoom to discuss public fund management and investment opportunities. Following that discussion, Carmen discussed the opportunity with the board. The board intends to consider a resolution authorizing investment in Nebraska CLASS next month.

DISCUSSION ON AGREEMENT PROGRESS TO SECURE 20MW OF HYDROPOWER FROM CNPPID. Gwen updated the board on the progress made on securing 20MW of hydro from CNPPID. Discussions continue between DPPD and CNPPID and draft agreements are being circulated.

RETIREMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE.

Motion to rescind the economic development rate by Director Peterson. Seconded by Director Hecox. Motion carried unanimously.

NREA GROUP RETENTION AGREEMENT. Gwen presented on the NREA Group Retention Plan Agreement. The board reviewed and discussed Resolution 2023-5926, Resolution for Adoption of Nebraska Rural Electric Association Group Retention Plan Agreement. Said resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

Motion by Director Hecox to approve Resolution 2023-5926, seconded by Director Wroblewski. Motion carried unanimously.

LINE EXTENSION POLICY. The board reviewed proposed updates to the District's Line Extension Policy.

Motion by Director Brodine, seconded by Director Kugler, to approve the proposed changes. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR DISTRICT INFORMATION. The board reviewed a proposed change to the District's Request for Information form.

Motion to approve the proposed change by Director Wietjes. Seconded by Director Brodine. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE REQUEST. The board discussed the employee wage increase request simultaneously with the 2024 preliminary budget.

2024 BUDGET – PRELIMINARY. Carmen presented two versions of the 2024 preliminary budget, the difference being the impact of the employee wage increase request. The board discussed the preliminary budget at length. The finance committee recommended a 4.5% wage increase, leave overtime at 1.5X and increase overtime holiday pay to 2X.

Motion by Director Wietjes to approve a 4.5% wage increase and an increase in holiday overtime pay to two times regular pay, excluding the floating holiday, effective October 1, 2023. Seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

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

a. NREA Managers Mtg & Legal Seminar	Sept 11-12	Gwen
b. NE G&T / NPPD Director Reception & Board Mtg	Sept 13-14	Dan, Gwen, Brad
c. Safety Meeting	Sept 20	
d. Midwest Electric Consumers	Sept 21-22	Craig
e. NRECA Region 7	Sept 26-28	Dan, Craig, Gwen, Mary

AFFILIATION UPDATES. Updates were provided on the following:

- a. NPPD
- b. NREA
- c. NE G&T
- d. Others – none.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORTS. Reports were provided to the board.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT. Gwen presented on the following:

- a. Customer concern summary for prior month.
- b. Public/Private Partnership Subcommittee – Rural Broadband Taskforce

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 1, 2023, 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 1:25 p.m.

Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary

ATTEST:

Dan Muhlbach, President