



**MINUTES**  
**DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 8, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dawson Public Power District was held February 8, 2024, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input 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
- Dave Behle

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

-Page Peterson	<input checked="" 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
-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:

2024-5943 RESOLVED: That the agenda, as amended, of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the February 8, 2024, be approved.

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

Upon motion by Director Brodine, 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 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
-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

2023-5944 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 provided a safety report to the board on the irrigation customer meetings.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

A. Budget to actual review. The board discussed current budget to actuals. CFO Carmen Ackerman presented. The review today is a preliminary look at year end 2023.

B. Form 7 review. The board reviewed Form 7.

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 board discussed the Standard and Poor's recent rating increase. Moving from A to A+ indicates the district has improved further the financial position of the district. This could translate to reduced interest rates for future bonding.

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

-Page Peterson	<input checked="" 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
-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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted:

2023-5945 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.

**STANDBY COMPENSATION POLICY.** The board reviewed proposed changes to the Standby Compensation Policy.

Motion by Director Kennicutt, seconded by Director Wroblewski, to adopt the recommended changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ON EXECUTIVE SEARCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Motion by Director Wietjes, seconded by Director Wroblewski, to enter executive for the purpose of discussing strategy for the executive search with Ken Holmes. Motion carried unanimously. The board entered executive session at 10:45 a.m.

Motion by Director Wietjes, seconded by Director Kugler, to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously. The board exited executive session at 12:00 p.m.

**AGING CONDUCTOR PROGRAM.** Jeremy presented on the Aging Conductor Program. The board discussed the success of the program and plans for the future.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** Dave Behle and Lincoln County Commissioner Chris Bruns presented on the Inland Port Authority project at the Hershey rail yard. The board discussed the District’s potential role in the project.

**ACRE.** The board made ACRE donations.

**NEW BUSINESS.** None.

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

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|----------------------------|----------------|------|
| a. NRECA CEO Close-up      | Jan 7-9        | Gwen |
| b. Safety Meeting          | Jan 17         | Brad |
| c. DPPD Irrigator Meetings | Jan 23, 25, 30 | All  |

d. NREA Legislative Meetings Feb 6-7  
Page, Liz, Rodger, Dan, Gwen, Dean

Bob, Tyler, Pat, David, Brad, Joe,

**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. Her testimony in support of LB969

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/CALENDARS.**

- a. Calendars were coordinated. – because we've changed several meeting dates due to schedule conflicts, Paige will send a post card out that contains all board meetings scheduled thus far.
- b. Safety meeting schedule was set.
- c. Selected date for next board meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 3:02 p.m.

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Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Dan Muhlbach, President