



**MINUTES**  
**DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**May 1, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dawson Public Power District was held May 1, 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 type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" 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
- Chelsea Gengenbach
- Chris Hegert

**EXCUSE BOB KENNICUTT**

Upon motion by Director Brodine, duly seconded by Director Jeffrey, 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 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:

2024-2952 RESOLVED: That Bob Kennicutt is excused from the May 1, 2024 meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Upon motion by Director Hecox, 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 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:

2024-2953 RESOLVED: That the agenda, as amended, of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the May 1, 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 White, 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted

2024-2954 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 Kunkee presented the most recent safety committee report.

**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.
- ix. NSF Checks – through March
- x. 30-60-90 day AR – through March

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 Peterson, duly seconded by Director Wietjes, 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 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:

2024-2955 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.

**BOARD EDUCATION ON WHOLESALE POWER BILL.** Chris Hegert with NPPD presented on the Wholesale Power Bill and what’s ahead.

**BOARD GENERAL DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL PARAMETERS AND COST OF SERVICE STUDY INPUT.** Finance Committee discussed CFO’s presentation on cost forecasting/modeling. The goal is to have a plan for the Board’s vote/consideration in June.

**SMALL WIND TOWER PROJECT.** Gwen presented on a small wind tower project in the District and how it is affected by our current requirements. Board will need to discuss an overall policy moving forward.

**POLICY 209 – REQUESTS FOR DISTRICT INFORMATION.** Reviewed our policy regarding responding to public requests and our new form. Upon motion by Director White, duly seconded by Director Jeffrey, 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted

2024-2956 RESOLVED: That the new form regarding requests for public information is approved.

**2024 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP**

Gwen provided legislative update for the end of 2024 unicameral. The following bills were discussed:

LB1370	(Bostelman) requirements for closing a dispatchable power plant.
LB43	Public record statute; public allowed to speak requirement; cybersecurity constraints
LB304	Disclose membership dues and fees.
LB399	Hold meetings in district for generation builds of 10 MW or more.
LB969	Sealed bid requirements changed form \$250,000 to \$750,000.

**LOAD MANAGEMENT 2024 THRESHOLD.** Cole presented to the Board on the 2024 Loan Management Threshold. Upon motion by Director White, duly seconded by Director Wietjes, and roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

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-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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the following Resolution was adopted

2024-2957 RESOLVED: That threshold will remain the same as 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS.** Dan discussed an interlocal agreement with Central forthcoming in June or July.

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

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| a. Safety Meeting            | April 17 | Dan  |
| b. RRC/PRAB Customer Meeting | April 24 | Cole |

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

- a. NPPD
  - 1. 2023 Financial Report
  - 2. RRC/PRAB meeting notes
- b. NREA
  - 1. Legislative wrap up
  - 2. End of session legislative summary
- c. NE G&T
  - 1. Board meeting minutes 032724
  - 2. April report
- d. Others
  - 1. Mid-west Electric Consumers Association
    - a. Membership update
    - b. WAPA rates

**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. Wholesale contract negotiation update

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/CALENDARS.**

- a. Calendars were coordinated.
- b. Safety meeting schedule was set for Wednesday, May 15.
- c. Selected date for next board meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 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 2:21 p.m.

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Bronson J. Malcom, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Dan Muhlbach, President