



OPPDP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District (“OPPDP” or “District”) was held at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, Legislative Chamber, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska, and via Webex audio and video conference, on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, S. E. Howard, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, M. G. Spurgeon, E. H. Williams and R. M. Yoder. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, S. M. Bruckner, General Counsel for the District, M. F. Hinnners, Senior Corporate Governance Specialist, and other members of the OPPDP Board meeting logistics support staff. Chair A. E. Bogner presided and M. F. Hinnners recorded the minutes. Members of the senior management team present via Webex conferencing were: K. W. Brown, J. A. Comstock, M. J. Fisher, S. M. Focht, K. S. McCormick, L. A. Olson, M. L. Sedky, J. W. Thurber and T. R. Via. Additionally, approximately 50 attendees, consisting of OPPDP employees and members of the public and media, were in attendance via Webex. Several members of the public, media, and OPPDP employees were present in person.

Board Agenda Item 1: Chair Opening Statement

Chair Bogner gave a brief opening statement, including reminders for using the Webex audio and video conferencing platform.

Board Agenda Item 2: Safety Briefing

J. D. Clark, Manager Protective Services, provided the safety briefing, including emergency evacuation procedures for the Omaha Douglas Civic Center. President Fernandez reminded everyone to follow the “3Ws” during the COVID-19 pandemic – Watch your distance; Wear a mask; and Wash your hands. He also reminded the public to call 811 before digging so that underground utilities can be marked.

Board Agenda Item 3: Guidelines for Participation

Chair Bogner then presented the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and instructions on the public comment process using Webex audio and video conferencing features and in the room.

Board Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

Ms. Hinnners took roll call of the Board. All members were present in person.

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Board Agenda Item 5: Announcement regarding public notice of meeting

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“Notice of the time and place of this meeting was publicized by notifying the area news media¹; by publicizing same in the Outlets newsletter and on OPPD.com; by displaying such notice on the Arcade Level of Energy Plaza since August 13, 2021; and by e-mailing such notice to each of the District’s Directors on that same date.

A copy of the proposed agenda for this meeting has been maintained, on a current basis, and is readily available for public inspection in the office of the District’s Corporate Secretary.

Additionally, a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for inspection on oppd.com and in this meeting room.”

Board Consent Action Items:

- Item 6. Approval of the June 2021 Comprehensive Financial and Operating Report, June 2021 Meeting Minutes and the August 19, 2021 Agenda
- Item 7. Approval of New Retirement Fund International Equity Manager – Resolution No. 6448
- Item 8. SD-9: Resource Planning Monitoring Report – Resolution No. 6449
- Item 9. RFP 5895 – 161-13.8-13.8kV 56MVA Transformer – Resolution No. 6450
- Item 10. RFP 5896 – 161-13.8-13.8kV 75MVA Transformer – Resolution No. 6451
- Item 11. North Omaha Station Auxiliary Boiler – Engineer’s Certificate to Negotiate – Resolution No. 6452
- Item 12. Nebraska City Unit 1 Air Heater Basket Materials – Engineer’s Certificate – Resolution No. 6453
- Item 13. Cass County Unit 1 and Cass County Unit 2 Direct Air Injection – Engineer’s Certificate to Negotiate Materials and Services – Resolution No. 6454

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the consent agenda items.

Chair Bogner noted the Board discussed the action items during the All Committees meeting held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

¹ News outlets that received OPPD Board meeting notification emails included: 1. KETV; 2. WOWT; 3. KMTV; 4. KPTM; 5. Telemundo Nebraska; 6. Nebraska Public Media (NET-TV); 7. NewsChannel Nebraska; 8. KFAB; 9. KOIL 1290 AM; 10. KIOS 91.5 FM – Nebraska Public Radio (Omaha); 11. Radio Lobo – 97.7 FM (Omaha); 12. Boomer Blair 97.3 FM (Blair); 13. KHUB 1340 AM/KFMT 101.5 FM (Fremont); 14. Sunny 101.3 FM (Falls City); 15. Omaha World Herald; 16. Washington County Enterprise & Blair Pilot Tribune; 17. Lincoln Journal Star; 18. Omaha Daily Record; 19. Omaha Star; 20. Douglas County Post-Gazette; 21. Papillion Times; 22. Bellevue Leader; 23. Midlands Business Journal; 24. Ralston Recorder; 25. Sarpy Guide and News; 26. Pawnee Republican; 27. Tecumseh Chieftain; 28. Ashland Gazette; 29. Wahoo Newspaper; 30. Nebraska City News Press; 31. Cassgram (Cass County online news publication); and 32. Associated Press.

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Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments on the consent agenda items. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

Board Agenda Item 14: Revision to Corporate Officer Compensation Adjustment – J. A. Comstock, Vice President – Customer Service – Resolution No. 6455

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that the compensation adjustments for Vice Presidents Juli A. Comstock and Lisa A. Olson, as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, be and hereby are approved.”

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve this action item.

Director Moody explained that the Board approved compensation adjustments for Vice Presidents Comstock and Olson on June 17, 2021. After the meeting, it was discovered that the present salary information reported at the June Board meeting for J. A. Comstock was incorrect. The purpose of this resolution is to correct the record and Ms. Comstock’s proposed new salary remains the same amount as was approved by the Board in June.

Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

Board Agenda Item 15: Appointment of Interim Chief Financial Officer – Resolution No. 6456

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District hereby appoints John W. Thurber as interim Chief Financial Officer of the District, effective as of July 23, 2021, to exercise all the necessary and lawful authority of that position until a new Vice President and Chief Financial Officer is appointed by the Board of Directors and commences employment.”

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve this action item.

Director Moody explained that with the appointment of L. J. Fernandez as President, there is a vacancy in the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) role. As the search for a new CFO continues, the

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District needs an officer authorized to execute certain financial documents, including documents related to District financings, and oversee the operations of the Financial Services business unit.

Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

Board Agenda Item 16: Rate 483 Net Metering Limit Increase to 100 kW – Resolution No. 6457

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Omaha Public Power District approves the revisions to Rider Schedule No. 483 – Net Metering, as set forth on the attached Exhibit A, to be effective September 1, 2021.”

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve this action item.

Director Yoder explained the resolution will increase the net metering maximum from 25 to 100 kW.

Director Williams expressed his support for the resolution because it will help rural installations, businesses who wish to generate their own power, and support the renewable energy industry in Nebraska.

Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments.

Mr. Scott Williams, 3820 Jones Street, expressed support for the net metering limit increase because net metering is mutually beneficial to customer owners and the District.

Mr. Edison McDonald, Director of Development and Government Relations for GC ReVOLT, an Omaha based solar development company, expressed support for the net metering limit increase.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

(On August 20, 2021, Ken Winston, representing Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light, sent an email to the Board supporting adoption of Resolution 6457 – Rate 483 Net Metering Limit Increase to 100 kW. His email is attached to these meeting minutes.)

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

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Board Agenda Item 17: Public Board Meeting Mask Policy – Resolution No. 6458

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that, in accordance with recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for the protection of public health and safety, all persons attending meetings of the Board, in person, shall wear a mask covering their nose and mouth, commencing with the Board meeting scheduled for September 16, 2021, and this resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by action of this Board.”

It was then moved and seconded that the Board approve the proposed resolution.

Director Moody noted that an amendment had been proposed and asked Ms. Hinnners to read the amended resolution, as shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that, in accordance with recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and for the protection of public health and safety, all persons attending meetings of the Board, in person, shall wear a mask covering their nose and mouth, during such time as Douglas County is designated by the CDC as an area of substantial or high transmission of the COVID-19 virus and the CDC continues to recommend the wearing of masks indoors in such areas, commencing with the Board meeting scheduled for September 16, 2021, ~~and this resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by action of this Board.~~

It was then moved and seconded that the Board approve the amendment to the proposed resolution.

Director Moody explained the amended resolution was to provide more flexibility for the Board and District.

The Board members discussed a variety of issues, including the ability to request vaccination information from meeting attendees, the CDC definitions of “substantial” or “high transmission,” and COVID testing.

Chair Bogner asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments on the amendment to the resolution. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Thereafter, the vote on the motion to amend the resolution was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – No; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – No. The motion to amend carried (6-2).

The Board then turned to discussion of the amended resolution.

Director Cavanaugh inquired about exceptions to mask wearing, mask requirements at other public meetings, and enforcement.

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Director Moody noted that OPPD offers an option to attend meetings remotely. He also stated that in his opinion the resolution aligns with Board policy SD-6: Safety.

Director Williams expressed support for the resolution because it is in the best interests of the community.

Director Yoder expressed support for the resolution but does not feel it goes far enough. He expressed support for a vaccine mandate.

Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person had any comments. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – No; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (7-1).

Board Agenda Item 18: Electric System Evaluation & Modernization Strategic Initiative Update – T. R. Via, Vice President – Energy Delivery

President Fernandez reminded the Board that the Electric System Evaluation & Modernization (ESE&M) Strategic Initiative is one of five strategic initiative projects undertaken by the District.

T. R. Via, Vice President – Energy Delivery, noted the five strategic initiatives are intertwined. He then introduced A. T. Smith, Director Customer Experience, who presented the following:

- Purpose and Goals of Today's Update
- Electric System Evaluation & Modernization (ESE&M) Objective and Vision
- Resilient, Digital Grid and Integrated Service Platform
- AMR (Automated Meter Reading) + Rein Findings
- How We Get There
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
- Grid Communications
- GIS (Geographic Information System) Integration
- Advanced Mobile Workforce
- Intelligent Devices
- ADMS (Advanced Distribution Management System) including Outage Management
- Business Intelligence
- Advanced Technology
- A Future Customer Outage Journey
- Strategic Initiative Portfolio Overview
- Next Steps – ESE&M Strategic Initiative
- Questions

Board members expressed appreciation for the update. The Board and management team discussed a variety of issues, including the timing of activities, investments, and implementation.

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Board Agenda Item 19: July 2021 Storm Outages and Response – Initial Report – T. R. Via, L. A. Olson and J. A. Comstock

President Fernandez provided his perspective on the outages caused by the July 10, 2021 windstorm, the largest number of outages in OPPD history. Approximately 188,000 customers lost power, some for several days. President Fernandez stated OPPD's commitment to learn from this event and will present a final report in the future.

OPPD then played a video about the windstorm and outage restoration efforts. Highlights from the video included:

- Three storms converged over Dodge and Washington counties and moved southward into the Omaha metro in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 10, 2021.
- Winds reached a hurricane-force 96 miles per hour and strong sustained winds lasted for 20 minutes and caused extensive tree damage.
- The path of destruction was 25-miles wide.
- 188,000 customers lost power.
- OPPD employees and mutual aid partners safely worked 16 hour days to restore power.
- By the end of the first day, July 10, OPPD had restored power to more than 120,000 customers.
- The days that followed saw more complex repairs involving significant tree damage and damage to infrastructure, as well as many individual repairs to restore customer service.
- OPPD directly communicated with customers whose outages were expected to take the longest to restore.
- In comparison to the 2008 windstorm, this storm was more destructive and affected more customers.

T. R. Via, Vice President – Energy Delivery, presented the following:

- Lessons Learned, Looking Ahead
 - Physical Improvements, including hardening the grid, underground cable replacement, continued investment in tree trimming, and proactive pole replacement

J. A. Comstock, Vice President – Customer Services, presented the following:

- Lessons Learned, Looking Ahead
 - Customers and Technology, including enhanced customer communications on preferred channels, a new outage map with more detailed information, enhanced situational awareness through better data access and enterprise architecture, investigating and pursuing advanced metering options, and better interconnectivity of enterprise systems

Board members expressed appreciation for the initial report on the July 10 storm and outage restoration efforts. The Board and management team discussed a variety of issues, including timing of the final after action review, data availability and transparency, customer privacy, mutual aid partnerships, and actions that can be implemented now.

Chair Bogner then asked if any members of the public had comments related to the storm outages and restoration efforts.

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Alan Volvolka, 3719 Hamilton, suggested the District work with the City of Omaha to ban silver maples and other trees more prone to storm damage to reduce outages caused by fallen trees.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Board Agenda Item 20: President's Report

President Fernandez presented the following information:

- July Baseload Generation
- July Peaking Generation
- OPPD Sets New Peak Loads
- July Renewables
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Education and Rebates
- Charge Ahead
- EV Education Pilot with Local Schools
- Celebrating Utility Industry Awards
- Celebrating 500 Applications for Customer-Owned Generation (COG)
- Pathways to Decarbonization Customer and Community Update
- Honor Our Community activities and events
- In Memoriam

Board Agenda Item 21: Opportunity for comment on other items of District Business

Chair Bogner asked for comments from the public on other items of District business.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49th Street, representing the Nebraska Sierra Club, expressed appreciation for the ESE&M strategic initiative presentation. He then commented upon the block rates update that was presented at the All Committees meeting. He suggested OPPD work with Opower to make bills easier to understand.

Mr. Alan Volvolka, 3719 Hamilton, echoed Mr. Corbin's comments on the block rates update presentation and suggested the District reexamine the fixed service fee.

Mr. David D. Begley, 4611 S. 96th Street, expressed disapproval of the Power with Purpose resource generation project and his belief that OPPD's rates are higher than other local electric utilities. Chair Bogner noted the SD-2 Rates Monitoring Report shows that OPPD's rates are below the regional average.

Ms. Debbie Bowman, 2502 Ponca Point, Plattsmouth, expressed concerns about the placement of transmission structures on property she owns near the Turtle Creek Station. President Fernandez noted that OPPD is working with her to find an acceptable solution.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 10:40:22 AM

To: OPPD Board of Directors
cc: Javier Fernandez, Juli Comstock, Lisa Olson, Scott Focht

I am forwarding comments from Ken Winston. I will let him know that his comments will be included with the meeting minutes.

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This email is from the Contact a Board Member or Senior Management web page. This email is intended for the following Board Member(s) and/or Senior Manager(s):
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*** Message Information ***

Subject: Support for Resolution 6457

Message:

This message was inadvertently not sent prior to yesterday's meeting.

Please add the following statement to your records.
August 19, 2021

Dear Chairperson Bogner and Members of the OPPD Board

Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light supports Resolution 6457, which would increase the net metering capacity limit from 25 kw to 100 kw. We believe there is a moral imperative to address the causes of climate change and increasing the availability and use of renewable energy is an important tool in addressing this existential challenge.

Increasing this limit can provide many benefits for OPPD and its customer owners, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions; helping business, agricultural and nonprofit customers reduce their electric bills, and reducing peak demand for the utility. It also provides economic benefits in the form of job creation and the resulting increased revenues to local businesses and political subdivisions. Finally, increased use of net metering will enhance support and acceptance of renewable energy as OPPD pursues its goals of net zero carbon by 2050.

Please adopt Resolution 6457.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Winston