



OPPDP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District (“OPPDP” or “District”) was held on Thursday, October 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, 2nd Floor Legislative Chamber, Omaha, Nebraska and via WebEx audio and video conference.

Present in person at the Civic Center were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, M. R. Core, S. E. Howard, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, M. G. Spurgeon and E. H. Williams. C. C. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, S. M. Bruckner and T. F. Meyerson of the Fraser Stryker law firm, General Counsel for the District, E. H. Lane, Sr. Board Operations Specialist, and other members of the OPPDP Board meeting logistics support staff. Chair E. H. Williams presided and E. H. Lane recorded the minutes. Members of the executive leadership team present in person included: J. M. Bishop, K. W. Brown, S. M. Focht, C. V. Fleener, T. D. McAreavey, K.S. McCormick, L. A. Olson, B. R. Underwood and T. R. Via. M. V. Purnell joined via WebEx.

Board Agenda Item 1: Chair Opening Statement

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

Board Agenda Item 2: Safety Briefing

Josh Clark, Manager, Protective Services, provided physical safety reminders. L. J. Fernandez, President and CEO, provided psychological safety reminders, including current safety focus reminders about: (i) Situational awareness; (ii) Avoiding sprains, strains and tears; and (iii) Winter weather hazards.

Board Agenda Item 3: Guidelines for Participation

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

Board Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

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

Board Agenda Item 5: Announcement regarding public notice of meeting

Ms. Lane read the following:

“Notice of the time and place of this meeting was publicized by notifying the area news media; by publicizing same in the Omaha World Herald, OPPDP Outlets newsletter, oppd.com and social media; by displaying such notice on the Arcade

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Level of Energy Plaza; and by e-mailing such notice to each of the District's Directors on December 15, 2023.

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:

6. Approval of the October 2023 Financial Report, November 2023 Meeting Minutes and the December 21, 2023 Agenda
7. SD-8: Employee Relations Monitoring Report – Resolution No. 6611
8. Declaration of Anticipated 2024 Capital Expenditures Reimbursement – Resolution No. 6612
9. Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Amendment – Resolution No. 6613
10. Cass to Sarpy Transmission Project Acquisition of Land Rights – Resolution No. 6614
11. RFP No. 6017 – Spring 2024 Transmission Construction – Resolution No. 6615
12. RFP No. 6101 – 345-15kV 140/187/233(262)MVA OLTC GSU Transformer – Resolution No. 6616
13. Cass County Station Unit 1 & 2 Exhaust Stack Repairs - Engineer's Certification – Resolution No. 6617
14. North Omaha Effluent Limit Guideline Compliance System Modification - Engineer's Certification – Resolution No. 6618
15. RFP No. 6111 – Repair or Replace NC2 Boiler Feedwater Pump Spare Motor– Resolution No. 6619
16. SD-4: Reliability Policy Revision – Resolution No. 6620

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

Chair Williams noted the Board discussed the action items during the All Committees meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Chair Williams then asked for public comment. There were no comments from the public in attendance at the meeting or via WebEx.

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

Board Discussion Action Items:

17. 2024 Final Corporate Operating Plan – Resolution No. 6621

Director Spurgeon moved to approve the discussion action item and it was seconded by Director Mollhoff.

Chair Williams noted the Board discussed the action items during the All Committees meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

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Chair Williams then asked for public comment. There was one comment from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. David Begley, 4611 S. 96th Street, Omaha, provided comments on the 2024 corporate operating plan and potential rate changes.

Chair Williams asked for comments from members of the public on WebEx. There were no comments.

Chair Williams asked for comments from the board. Director Mollhoff shared her appreciation for the hard work and efforts made by OPPD to keep rate increases to a minimum and still offer reliable service. Director Moody also recognized the effort made to maintain fiscal responsibility in the face of growth over time. Director Spurgeon provided comments on the work being done to maintain a reliable system and affordable service. Director Williams provided comments on the corporate operating plan and thanked the staff for all of their hard work to ensure OPPD continues providing safe, affordable and reliable electricity for all customers.

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

Board Agenda Item 18: President's Report

President Fernandez next presented the following information:

- November Baseload Generation
- November Balancing Generation
- November Renewables
- Trade Ally Summit 2023
- Honoring Our Community
- Veterans Parade
- Habitat Omaha Rock the Block – North Omaha
- Toys for Tots
- Awards
- In Memoriam – Jimmie Dobbs

Board Agenda Item 19: Opportunity for comment on other items of District Business

Chair Williams asked for comments from the public in the room on other items of District business. There were two comments.

Mr. David Begley, 4611 S. 96th Street, Omaha, provided comments on worldwide carbon dioxide emissions, and presented materials to the board which are attached to these minutes.

Chair Williams asked for comments from members of the public on WebEx. There were two comments.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49th St, Nebraska Sierra Club, provided comments on the State of Nebraska and the City of Omaha's climate reduction plans.

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Mr. Duane Murdoch had a technical issue with being able to join the meeting to provide comments. He emailed his comments to the Corporate Secretary and these comments are attached to these minutes.

There were no additional comments from the public in attendance at the meeting or via WebEx.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Vice President – Corporate Strategy and
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E. H. Lane
Sr. Board Operations Specialist

OPPD is a state-sanctioned monopoly. Every person and business in its service area is required by law to purchase electricity from OPPD. There is no freedom of choice.

The OPPD Board of Directors has **exclusive** authority to set rates. Neither the Nebraska Public Service Commission nor the Nebraska Power Review Board have any legal authority to review OPPD's rates. District courts, however, do have the legal authority to review rates.

The OPPD Board has made it clear that it will **pay any price and bear any burden** to achieve net zero carbon by 2050.

Many **smart and savvy** people work for OPPD: L. Javier Fernandez, Lisa Olson, Jeff Bishop, Troy Va, Brad Underwood, Scott Focht etc.

Prediction. Staff will recommend, and the Board will approve, a series of incremental rate increases over the next 5 to 10 years in order to soften the blow of the true high cost of net zero.

OPPD rates will be 20%-25% higher within five years.

The facts establish in other jurisdictions with a high concentration of solar and wind, rates are much higher than they would be otherwise. Solar and wind are expensive and unreliable.

Irony or Hypocrisy?

The OPPD Board is controlled by members of the Democrat party. Traditionally, the Democrats have favored the “little guy” and been opposed to big corporations.

Qui bono from net zero?

The corporations and rich individuals who have an ownership interest in solar and wind developments. They get the federal income tax credits that reduce or eliminate their federal income tax liability; the most generous tax shelter in the history of the United States.

Instead of fat cats paying their fair share of taxes, they buy wind and solar federal income tax credits and our federal debt grows. The “little guy” ends up paying the price.

THE MATH

The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 450 parts per million.

$$\frac{450}{1,000,000} \times 100 = 0.045\%$$

Percentage of man-made carbon dioxide from all industrial emissions, world-wide, is at most 5%.

$$0.045\% \times 0.05\% = \mathbf{0.0025\%}$$

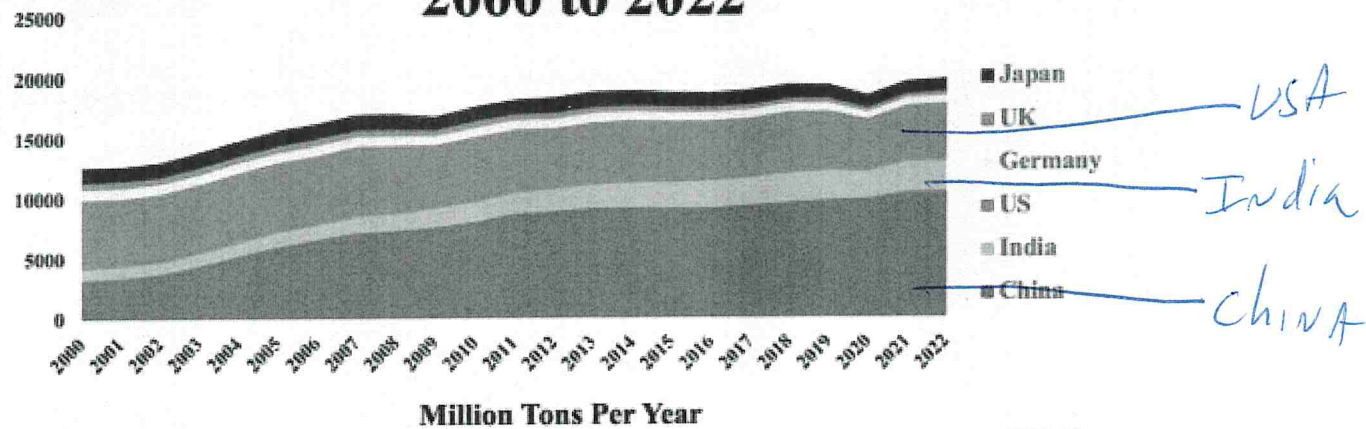
And OPPD is planning on spending \$2,000,000,000 to lower that number?

Not prudent!

DAB

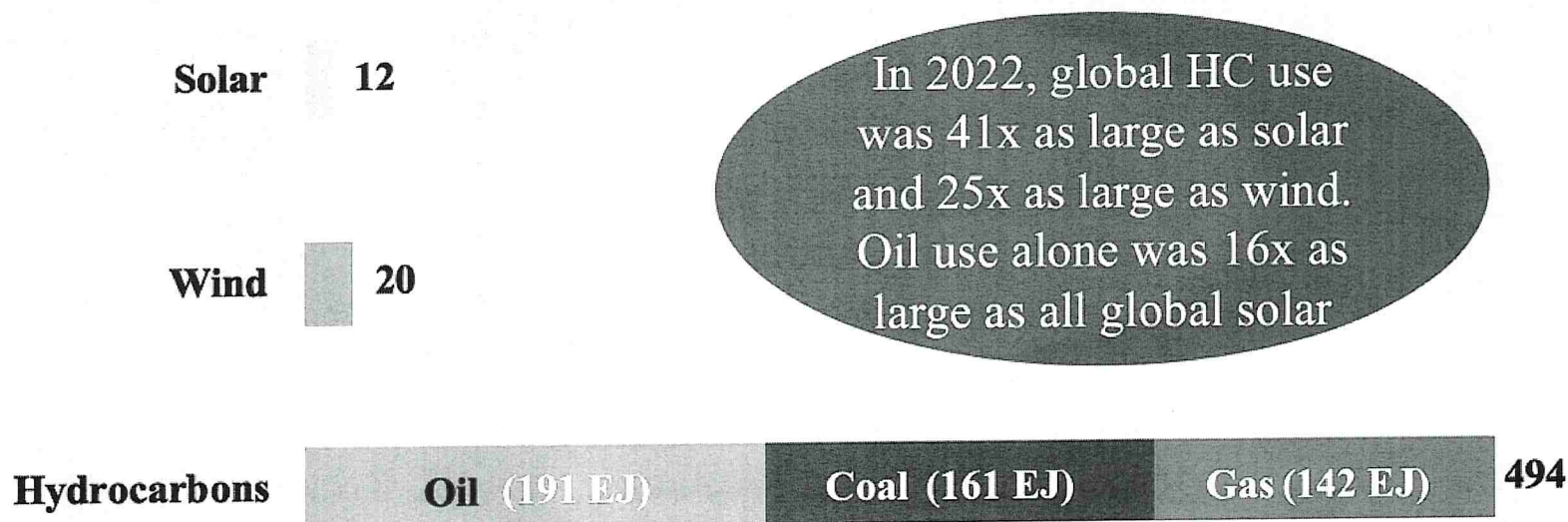
What Energy Transition?

CO₂ Emissions In Six Largest Economies, 2000 to 2022



Source: Statistical Review of World Energy

COP28: “Tripling Renewable Energy Capacity,” & “Transitioning Away” From Hydrocarbons... “So As To Achieve Net Zero By 2050”

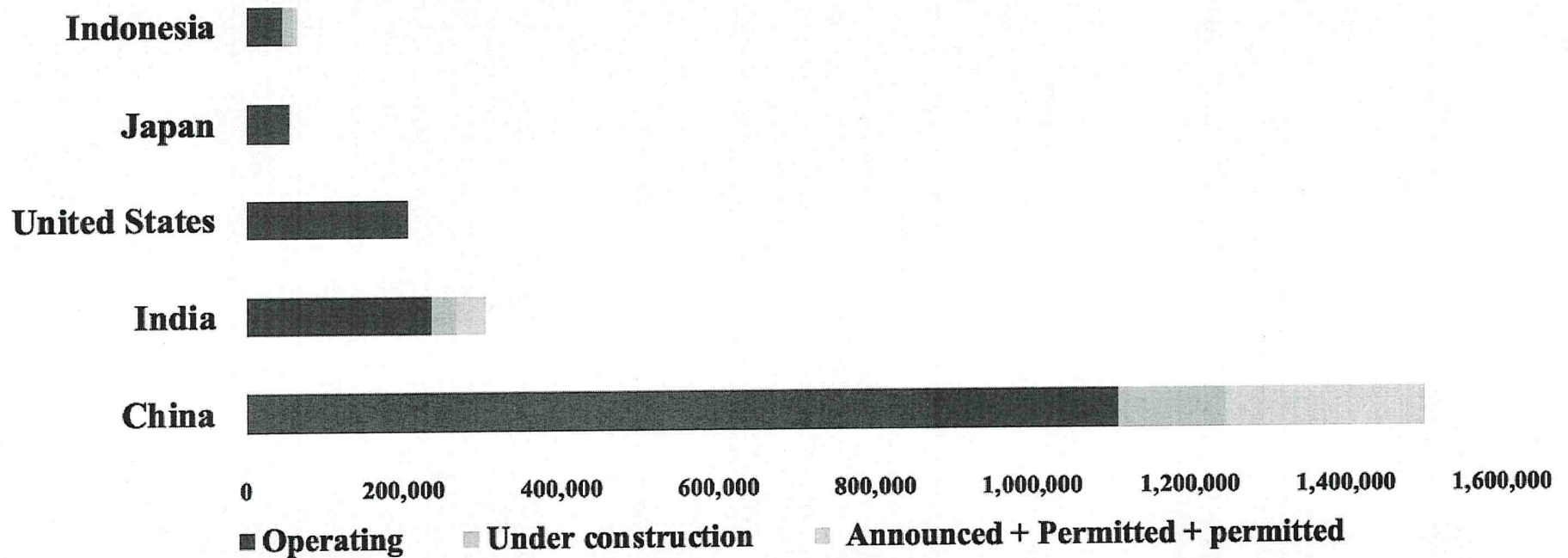


Global energy use, 2022, EJ

Source: Statistical Review Of World Energy, UNFCCC, https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2023_L17_adv.pdf?download

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Top Five Coal Countries, With Operating Coal-Fired Capacity And Planned Expansions, In Megawatts



Source: Global Energy Monitor, <https://globalenergymonitor.org/projects/global-coal-plant-tracker/summary-tables/>

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From: [LANE, ERIN H](#)
To: [LANE, ERIN H](#)
Subject: FW: Please respond to this email to provide comments
Date: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:38:04 PM

From: Duane Murdoch <
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 6:41 AM
To: VALENTIN, MICHAELA L <>
Cc: LANE, ERIN H <>
Subject: Re: Please respond to this email to provide comments

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READ THIS FIRST! This is **NOT** an OPPD email.

Be very cautious of any links or attachments unless you recognize this sender - and are expecting this email.

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Duane Murdoch 10014 54st Murray NE . Thank you for your time. We own the runway half a mile south of the proposed transition line on Mill road. My son Nathan uses this runway for his Ariel application business. From July 1st to September 30th he uses it every day he is in and out of here 30 to 50 times a day. At this point the runway runs north and south . Most of the time he takes off going north . The proposed transition line on Mill road will be in a direct line with his take off. You already have a transition line a half mile south of our runway which was installed after the runway was put in by Ron nolte many years ago . This is a registered airport with a FAA. By installing this transition line on Mill road it is a direct line with his takeoff it endangers his life. You have another proposed route which is a mile and a half north of the runway , there are less residents along that route then the Mill road route. There are seven residents in the same two mile area on Mill road at 54th Street . Matt core and Jake Farrell are telling us they are going to make some type of change to make it safe for Nathan to fly out of here. The only way I see that it could be safe is to bury it for 500 ft along Mill road north of the runway

If you just lower the line it puts it into the two residents on the intersection of 54th and Mill road. Nathan has containment for loading built here at the hanger and an office. Jake talked to him about moving the runway , you would have to move all that also plus get power and water to the site. Also they discussed moving it to a different runway , there would be a containment issue to deal with with the department of AG , fuel which you have to buy from them has a surcharge , then there is a issue of getting the herbicide there in a truck which you can't just put any truck driver in there because you are hauling herbicides . We would need to hire a driver which we don't need now. At this point the productivity is high because he lands loads and fuels in his containment and gone on 5 minutes. That time at a different airport would probably triple to 15 or 20 minutes a load time. In closing you should use the other transition proposed route. His life is in your hands , what if this was your son !!!

Duane Murdoch

Duane-

Sorry you could not get connected through to the board meeting. You still have an opportunity to provide comments right here by hitting REPLY ALL to this email which will loop in Erin Lane who will ensure that your comments make it into the record on the Cass-to-Sarpy Transmission Project.

Please let me know that you got this email, Duane. We want to ensure that your comments are received.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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