



OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD" 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 Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Present in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, A. L. McGuire, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, E. H. Williams and R. M. Yoder. Director T. W. Gay was present via Webex video conference. Present in person were T. J. Burke, 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 OPPD Board meeting support staff. Chair C. C. Moody presided and M. F. Hinnners recorded the minutes. Members of the senior management team present via Webex were: K. W. Brown, J. A. Comstock, L. J. Fernandez, M. J. Fisher, S. M. Focht, K. S. McCormick, L. A. Olson, M. L. Sedky and T. R. Via. Additionally, a number of OPPD employees and customer owners were present via Webex conferencing. No members of the public were present in person.

Board Agenda Item 1: Chair Opening Statement

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

Board Agenda Item 2: Safety Briefing

President Burke provided the safety briefing, including emergency evacuation procedures for the Omaha Douglas Civic Center. He also presented a reminder from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services entitled "10 Actions for Every Nebraskan to be Taking Now to Slow Spread of COVID-19." He encouraged everyone to wear a mask and reminded the public of OPPD's policy requiring all employees, contractors and visitors to wear a mask.

Board Agenda Item 3: Guidelines for Participation

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

Board Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

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

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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 media; by publicizing same in the Outlets newsletter and on OPPD.com; by displaying such notice on the Arcade Level of Energy Plaza since November 6, 2020; 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 September 2020 Comprehensive Financial and Operating Report, October 2020 Meeting Minutes and the November 13, 2020 Agenda
- Item 7. Nebraska City Station Unit 1 Condenser Retube – Labor Contract Award – Resolution No. 6399
- Item 8. Sarpy County Station Unit 4B Engine Repair – Request to Negotiate – Resolution No. 6400
- Item 9. SD-11: Economic Development Monitoring Report – Resolution No. 6401

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

Chair Moody noted the Board discussed the consent agenda items at the All Committees meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Chair Moody then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing 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; Gay – Yes; McGuire – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

Board Agenda Item 10: Corporate Officer Appointment – Scott M. Focht, Vice President Corporate Strategy and Governance – Resolution No. 6402

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that the appointment of Scott M. Focht as Vice President – Corporate Strategy and Governance and Assistant Secretary of the District, and

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the compensation set forth on the attached exhibit, be and hereby are approved, effective December 1, 2020.”

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

Director McGuire began the discussion by summarizing Mr. Focht’s career experience before joining OPPD and the role he has played in helping to develop the OPPD Board’s governance policies over the past several years. She provided an overview of the Corporate Strategy and Governance business unit, which include strategic planning, risk management, corporate audit, continuous improvement, and innovation. She expressed support for the approval of the resolution and asked President Burke to offer his perspective.

President Burke explained that the role is not a new position, but rather is being elevated to an executive officer level position in order to further enhance the enterprise wide governance and planning function at OPPD.

Director Bogner commented upon the importance of elevating this role from a senior director to an officer level position given all of the transition and long term strategic vision work occurring at OPPD.

Director Williams commented upon the increased importance of strategic planning and long term vision work at OPPD.

Director Gay commented upon the increased engagement of customer owners and the Board creates the need for an officer level role to help coordinate the Board and senior management team.

Chair Moody echoed previous comments and expressed support for elevating this role for the long term success of the District.

Chair Moody then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing 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; Gay – Yes; McGuire – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

Board Agenda Item 11: Technology Platform Strategic Initiative Update – K. W. Brown, Vice President & Chief Information Officer, and S. C. Brown, Director Enterprise Architect

President Burke began with a reminder that the Technology Platform strategic initiative is one of five major interrelated initiatives at the District. Each initiative has a cross-functional team of employees working to develop and clarify the scope of projects. The management team will continue to provide updates to the Board on each of the strategic initiatives.

Ms. Brown explained the presentation is a culmination of a lot of collaborative work among the business technology leadership team, all business units, and the strategic planning steering committee. She introduced S. C. Brown, Director Enterprise Architect and manager of the technology platform strategic initiative.

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Mr. Brown presented the following information:

- 2019 Introduction of the Technology Platform Strategic Initiative
- Technology Platform Components
- A Glimpse Into the Future
- Resources
 - Approximately 45 individuals, including advisors, support team, core team and subject matter experts
- Keeping an Eye on Today (2020 – 2021)
- Strategic Initiative Timeline

The Board and management team discussed aspects of the Technology Platform strategic initiative, including benefits of smart grid capability in the future, asset types, integration and interdependencies with the other strategic initiatives, and the timing of future updates to the Board.

Director Gay departed the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Board Agenda Item 12: President's Report

President Burke presented the following information:

- October Baseload Generation
- October Peaking Generation
- October Renewables
- APPA Smart Energy Provider Designation
- Honor Our Community activities and events
- Amazon New Fulfillment Center in Papillion
- Dollar General New Distribution Center in Blair
- Honor Our Community remembrance

Board Agenda Item 13: Opportunity for comment on other items of District Business

Chair Moody asked for comments from the public.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49th Street, Chair of the Nebraska Sierra Club, commented upon the importance of keeping environmental sensitivity as a part the District's economic development activities. He stated the Sierra Club supported the solar array in Washington County. He suggested that the CARES Act utility assistance update be presented at the Board meeting instead of the All Committees meeting.

Mr. John Pollack, 1412 N. 35th Street, echoed the comments provided by Mr. Corbin. He also provided the Board with a weather update.

Director Cavanaugh departed the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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

Mr. David Holtzclaw, President of Transduction Technologies LLC, emailed a letter (*attached*) with comments on the SD-11: Economic Development Monitoring Report. The letter was forwarded to all Board and senior management team members.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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November 12, 2020

RE: OPPD SD-11: Economic Development monitoring report

Director Moody:

After reviewing Resolution No. 6401 on SD-11: Economic Development Monitoring Report, I'd like to make the following comments:

1. OPPD has made significant contributions to local economic development through the attraction of new, large scale data centers to the district, particularly Sarpy county. Thank you for your comment to affordable, clean energy for large scale industrial customers.
2. I was pleased to hear from Director Yoder that OPPD is working with local academic experts from the University of Nebraska-Omaha to better define OPPD's economic impact. I believe OPPD's positive economic impact on the district is even better than what was described in Resolution No. 6401. Here are a few examples:
 - Changes to OPPD Rate 464 has led to at least one project currently in the design phase that will be well into the seven digits in construction costs behind a single meter.
 - After speaking with 3-4 local installers and designers, they have cited at least a dozen other large projects (> 25 kW), which are still in the "discussion" phase, that would not have been even considered before the changes to OPPD Rate 464 that was made earlier this year.
3. So, for future economic development impact analysis, please include a section to consider how your rates both positively and negatively impact local economic development within the district.
4. I would also humbly request that future SD-11 economic development studies consider an additional topic – **sustainable economic development**. The design, permitting, and construction of all these projects are fantastic stimulus for local growth, and should be celebrated. But all are temporary. Who is going to maintain these systems long term? OPPD's preference for large, national, out-of-state vendors over both local and even well qualified regional vendors hurts local, sustainable development of local industries. In some states, large, taxpayer backed projects require some amount of work to be given to local vendors to develop local tradespersons, who can then both service those systems in the future and build new, smaller systems for other customer-owners within the district. These sustainable, economic development type of projects or activities should be highlighted and emphasized.



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5. Finally, I think it would benefit the OPPD board of directors, OPPD senior management, and the customer-owner if more sustainable economic development analysis was used as a selection criteria for OPPD services. For example, OPPD's Electric vehicle (EV) rebates provide **sustainable economic development** for local EV car dealerships, who will sell and maintain the vehicle for years to come. Likewise, the EV charger rebate provides **sustainable economic development** to the small electrical contractor who must install and maintain the charges for years to come. **These rebates increase OPPD revenue long term, provide sustainable economic development to the district, and improve the environmental (SD-7). These impacts should all be factored in the decision whether to offer the rebate or not.** For example, the same type of analysis could occur if OPPD were to consider offering electric heat pump hot water heater rebates.

Sincerely,
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