



OPPDP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District ("OPPDP" or "District") was held on Thursday, December 19 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, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, M. G. Spurgeon and E. H. Williams. S. E. Howard was absent. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Messrs. 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 OPPD 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, C. V. Fleener, S. M. Focht, G. M. Langel, T. D. McAreavey, M. V. Purnell, B. A. Underwood and T. R. Via.

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) Field Ergonomics; and (iii) Holiday 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, OPPD 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 13, 2024.

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 2024 Financial Report, November 2024 Meeting Minutes, and the December 19, 2024 Agenda
7. SD-8: Employee Relations Monitoring Report – Resolution No. 6675
8. Sale of a Portion of Property Located at the Southwest Corner of 168th Street and Ida Street, Douglas County, Nebraska – Resolution No. 6676
9. Acquisition of Property Rights for Utility Operations Infrastructure Projects – Resolution No. 6677
10. Correction of Resolution No. 6660 and Ratification of Actions for the Q Street Transmission and Distribution Repositioning Project Widening Q Street from 192nd to 204th Street – Resolution No. 6678
11. NCS Coal Handling Upgrade -- Materials Contract Request to Negotiate – Resolution No. 6679
12. NO & NCS 316b Traveling Screens -- Installation Contract(s) Request to Negotiate – Resolution No. 6680
13. RFP No. 6166 – 345kV Shunt Reactor – Resolution No. 6681
14. Declaration of Anticipated 2025 Capital Expenditures Reimbursement – Resolution No. 6682

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 17, 2024.

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

Chair Williams then asked for public comment on WebEx. There were no comments.

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

15. 2025 Final Corporate Operating Plan – Resolution No. 6683

Director Spurgeon moved to approve the discussion action item, and it was seconded by Director Mollhoff. Chair Williams asked for Board member questions or comments. After questions from

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Director Cavanaugh and comments from Director Moody, Chair Williams asked for a response from management. CEO Fernandez and CFO Bishop provided clarifying comments regarding the 2025 Corporate Operating Plan.

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

David Begley, 4611 S. 96th Street, Omaha, provided comments on proposed corporate operating plan 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 no comments.

Chair Williams asked for comments from the Board. There were comments made by Director Bogner, Director Cavanaugh, Director Mollhoff, Director Moody, Director Core, Director Spurgeon and Director Williams.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – No; Cavanaugh – Yes; Core – No; Howard – No; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes. The motion carried (5-3).

16. Resolution of Appreciation for Janece M. Mollhoff – Resolution No. 6684

Director Bogner moved to approve the discussion action item, and it was seconded by Director Howard. Director Bogner provided comments of appreciation.

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

Anne McGuire, Omaha, NE, provided comments of appreciation for Director Mollhoff's dedication and service to the community.

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

Chair Williams asked for comments from the Board. There were comments made by Director Cavanaugh, Director Moody, Director Core and Director Williams. CEO Fernandez provided comments of appreciation as well. Director Mollhoff addressed the Board with comments on her retirement from the Board.

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 17: President's Report

President Fernandez next presented the following information:

- Heat the Streets Run and Walk for Warmth
- OPPD Named #1 by J.D. Power in Residential Customer Satisfaction

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- Video – 2024 Year in Review

Board Agenda Item 18: 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 was one comment.

David Begley, 4611 S. 96th Street, Omaha, provided comments against renewable energy and presented materials which are attached to the minutes.

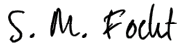
Chair Williams asked for comments from members of the public on WebEx. There were two comments.

David Corbin, 1002 N. 49th St, representing Nebraska Sierra Club, thanked Director Mollhoff for her service to the community.

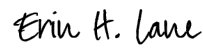
John Pollack, 1412 N. 35th Street, Omaha, thanked Director Mollhoff for her work in the community, and provided a weather update.

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 6:20 p.m.

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S. M. Focht
Vice President – Corporate Strategy &
Governance and Assistant Secretary

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E. H. Lane
Sr. Board Operations Specialist

“Our politicians, both left and right, are, to belabor the metaphor, the wastrel son: they are free to spend, chase fantasies, and to squander resources, *for the resources are not theirs, and there is no penalty for their misuse or loss.*”

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge*, 52 (emphasis in original)

Omaha was the Stockyards Capital of the United States
1955 – 1971

Omaha was the Telecommunications Capital of the World
1980s – 1990s

Omaha can be the Data Center Capital of the U. S.
2030 – 2100

OPPD Directors should be like Emperor Marcus Aurelius
rather than King Canute. Control what you can control.

Amazon to invest \$10 Billion in Ohio for data center, creating hundreds of jobs

John Lynch

2 days ago



(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle, File)

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, the Ohio Department of Development, and JobsOhio announced that Amazon Web Services (AWS) plans to invest an estimated \$10 billion in additional funding to expand its data center infrastructure across greater Ohio, creating hundreds of

The new data centers will contain computer servers, data storage drives, networking equipment, and other forms of technology infrastructure used to power cloud computing, including artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning.

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The new investment builds on the \$7.8 billion investment plan announced by AWS last year, which was in addition to the more than \$6 billion already invested through 2022, bringing the company's announced planned investment in Ohio since 2015 to more than \$23 billion by the end of 2030. This represents the second-largest planned investment by a single private sector company in the state's history.

AWS plans to expand its data centers outside of Central Ohio in additional communities across the state. The company has not finalized the locations for investment and will continue to evaluate all potential sites. Investment plans are contingent upon the execution of long-term energy service agreements.

"As reliance on digital services continues to grow, so does the importance of data centers; they are critical to today's modern economy," said Governor DeWine. "AWS's substantial investment in Ohio will help keep our state at the forefront of the global technology."

"These are significant investments from AWS that support Ohio's growing reputation as the tech

to America's economic superiority because they drive innovation, support high-tech industries, enhance productivity across sectors, and enable the analysis and management of vast data essential for global competitiveness.”

Since opening its first Ohio data center in 2016, AWS has made substantial contributions to the state's economy. The company estimates it has invested \$10.3 billion in Ohio and contributed an estimated \$3.8 billion in total gross domestic product (GDP) to the state between 2015-2023. AWS's investments support thousands of new jobs in high-demand sectors like telecommunications, software development, facilities maintenance, and electricity generation within the cloud infrastructure supply chain.

“Today, we reaffirm our long-term commitment to Ohio with plans to invest an additional \$10 billion to expand our data center infrastructure in greater Ohio to drive innovation in AI for customers,” said Roger Wehner, vice president of economic development at AWS. “Since 2015, AWS has invested more than \$10.3 billion in the state and currently supports more than 4,760 jobs annually. This expanded investment is expected to create new, well-paying jobs, boost Ohio's GDP, and further cement our partnership with the state. We are also proud to continue expanding the reach of workforce development and educational programs that equip Ohio's next generation of tech talent through strong public and private partnerships.”

JobsOhio is one of multiple economic development teams collaborating with AWS to support the expansion.

“Thanks to the growing number of data center leaders in our state, Ohio has emerged as one of the nation's foremost technology centers, helping us attract business innovators that hadn't previously

cloud provider in our state and their success has helped pave the way for the explosive growth we're seeing now.”

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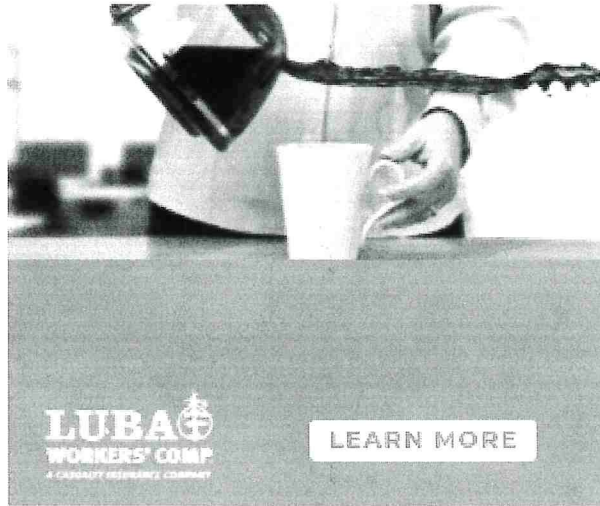
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What we know about the \$12B data center being planned for West Feliciana Parish

By **Dillon Lowe** - December 16, 2024



(iStock)



Hut 8, a bitcoin miner headquartered in Miami, is planning to build a massive AI data center in West Feliciana Parish.

The company will invest \$2.5 billion to develop the first phase of the project and the data center's tenants will invest an additional \$10 billion in computers and equipment, bringing the total initial investment to about \$12.5 billion.

The news follows up on the recent announcement that Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, is planning to build a \$10 billion AI data center in Richland Parish. Both projects are part of a larger move by state officials to position Louisiana as a hub for AI innovation.

**ANYTIME, ANYPLACE,
IN PERSON OR ONLINE**



"This is our new oil boom in Louisiana," West Feliciana Parish President Kenny Havard tells *Daily Report*.

The first phase of the project will see two 450,000-square-foot facilities constructed by the end of 2025, and the second phase will see additional facilities constructed by the end of 2026. The Meta data center, by comparison, will not be completed until 2030.

The Hut 8 data center will be constructed on 107 acres in the southeastern corner of West Feliciana Parish. Havard says the project will move much faster than the Meta project in part because of the parish's existing infrastructure and power availability.

In Richland Parish, Entergy will need to build new power generation facilities to support Meta's data center. The Hut 8 data center's proximity to Entergy's River Bend Nuclear Generating Station near St. Francisville means it can draw on the power plant's already available excess capacity, significantly accelerating the project's timeline.

The first phases of the project will require about 300 megawatts of power, though future phases will naturally demand greater resources.

"This particular piece of land is really the perfect fit," Havard says.

The project is expected to create hundreds of direct new jobs and support between 1,500 and 2,000 construction jobs during peak construction. Hut 8 has committed to sourcing labor and materials locally whenever possible.

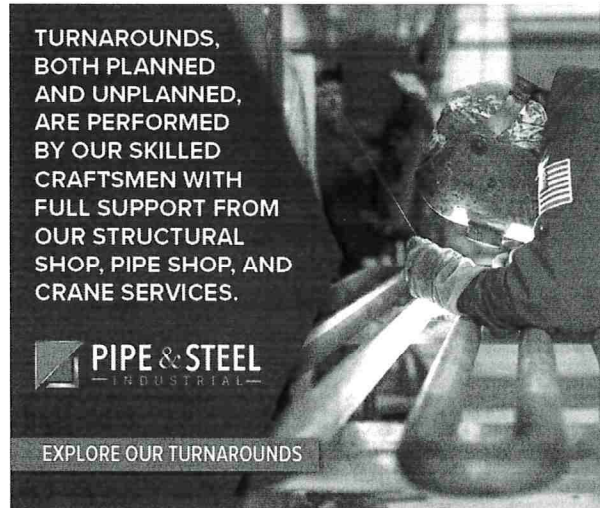
According to Havard, the project will be a boon not only for his parish but also for the entire region. Because West Feliciana Parish has a moratorium in place on the development of new subdivisions, it stands to reason that neighboring parishes will benefit from spillover growth as workers and their families seek housing nearby.

"A rising tide lifts all boats," Havard says.

It's worth noting that state officials have yet to formally announce the project, as West Feliciana Parish's Planning and Zoning Commission still needs to approve Hut 8's building permit. Officials will consider the permit at the commission's Jan. 6 meeting, and Havard says he's fairly confident it'll be approved.

And while the data center's future tenants have not yet been revealed, Hut 8's stock rallied late last week amid rumors that the facility is part of Meta's plans for further data center expansion in Louisiana.

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RESOLUTION #66XX

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the OPPD Board passed a new version of SD-7 and, in doing so, ignored and disrespected the LGBTQ community in its definition of environmental justice;

WHEREAS, implicit in SD-7 is the notion that OPPD can control the climate in the year 2100 by achieving net zero carbon by 2050; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of OPPD's customer-owners if the OPPD Board tested its hypothesis that mankind can control the Earth's climate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the OPPD Board is authorized to approve spending on the **King Canute Project** wherein OPPD Directors will fly to Santa Monica, California, first class, and with accommodations at the Hotel Casa Del Mar, where OPPD Directors will then walk to the beach and command the seas to not rise onto the land and wet the clothing of OPPD Directors. Vice President Lisa Olson's team will document the King Canute Project. OPPD Directors will report back to OPPD's customer-owners with the results of the King Canute Project and resolve the issue of whether the commands (and spending) of men are empty and worthless or obeyed by Mother Earth.

Prepared and submitted by customer-owner David D. Begley, 4611 South 96th Street, Omaha, NE

RESOLUTION #66XX

WHEREAS, the United States is presented with a historic economic opportunity to add data centers to the electric grid;

WHEREAS, OPPD desires to seize that economic opportunity in order to benefit the economy of the Omaha-area;

WHEREAS, OPPD does not currently have an adequate supply of dispatchable electricity to meet the projected demand for power from data centers;

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of OPPD customer-owners to hire a Vice President for Economic Development who would be primarily devoted to attracting data center customers to OPPD; and

WHEREAS, OPPD desires that the Omaha-area be known as the "Data Center Capital of the United States;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, management is directed to draft an action plan to attract data centers to the Omaha-area; the plan to include the construction of at least ~~3,000~~ 2,000 MW of new natural gas-fired power plants to the OPPD grid in the next ten years.

**LOST ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COST TO THE OMAHA-
AREA IF OPPD DOESN'T AGGRESSIVELY GROW ITS
RELIABLE POWER SUPPLY WITH NEW NATGAS PLANTS**

NE direct employment data center jobs, 2021 2,730

Apply Virginia's growth rate, 2017-2021

Five-year new direct employment data center jobs 873
Five-year total employment new jobs 11,329

OPPD can't control the climate of the Earth in 2100, but it can control and improve the number of jobs in the Omaha-area by aggressively adding more reliable supply to the grid.

OPPD Directors should be like Emperor Marcus Aurelius rather than King Canute.

NATIONAL PIPELINE MAPPING SYSTEM



<https://politico.com/news/2024/07/27/yellen-amazon-climate-change-00171522>

That's a hefty price tag.

And with ~260 million adult taxpayers, it would cost each of us \$288,461.54 to get to "net zero emissions" by the target date. That's 3-6-years' worth of peoples' salaries.

Are you willing to shell out that money, or do you just expect that everyone else will foot the bill for you?

Secondly, if you don't know the answer to question six, then are we supposed to just spend that \$75 trillion and see what happens?

⑧ If "combating climate change" is a global concerted effort, why do China and India get a free pass to continue emitting carbon dioxide without bound?

⑨ Why are you so vehemently opposed to the deployment of nuclear power? It is the safest, most sustainable "carbon-free" energy technology and without the compliance regulations, isn't expensive when compared to solar PV and wind, which are inefficient, intermittent, costly add-ons to existing electricity generation sources.

⑩ If humans are a parasite to the Earth since we are destroying it, why then are you worried that climate change could wipe us all out? Wouldn't that be better for Earth? Why don't you be the change you want to see and "net zero" yourself?

I guarantee not one person will give me a coherent point-by-point answer.

From Climate**REALISM** by Chris Martz.

“US\$78 trillion of cumulative investment required across power supply, grid infrastructure, critical minerals and emerging technologies and upstream to meet Paris Agreement goals.”

Wood Mackenzie report, October 29, 2024

That \$78 trillion is consistent with the \$28 billion that E3, Inc. said OPPD would have to spend in order to reach net zero.

Cui bono from spending \$78 trillion or \$28 billion?

How would this help Omaha grow? We know this spending won't make one bit of difference about the global temperature in 2100. See, King Canute.

Where will OPPD get new supply to meet demand?

Jan 2025

Cass County NextEra 265 MW Solar ~~Vote Dec-2024~~

Knox County Bluestem 325 MW Solar Rejected

Nat'l Grid Renewables 600 MW Wind Litigation

York County OPPD/NextEra 310 MW Solar Unlikely

1500 MW

2021 IRP desired 1,600 MW by 2030

Result?

Either forced blackouts or missing a huge economic opportunity to make the Omaha-areas the data center capital of the US.

The Board decides what its legacy will be. Failure or economic growth.

Begley's Red Team

Here are 10 fundamental questions that climate alarmists never answer.

① You claim that the Earth is overheating. That it's "too hot." So, what is the correct global mean surface temperature (GMST) for life on Earth and why?

Please provide a numerical answer. Use units and round it to the nearest tenth of a degree Celsius. Then, explain why that value is ideal and cite evidence to justify your answer.

② What is the correct atmospheric CO₂ level for life on Earth?

What is best to optimize our agricultural productivity?

What CO₂ level will make da weatha less scary?

Give your answer as an exact value as a mole fraction or volume percentage, and then explain why that value is ideal.

③ What exactly makes CO₂ "pollution"?

The EPA considers CO₂ to be a pollutant, legally speaking, under the Clean Air Act, and their scientific justification is simply that, it "...contributes to greenhouse gas pollution that threatens public health and welfare."

<https://epa.gov/climate-change/endangerment-and-cause-or-contribute-findings-greenhouse-gases-under-section-202a>

That's pretty ambiguous.

Because by that measure, water vapor should also be classified as a "pollutant" because it's also a "greenhouse gas" (GHG) — it's

also the most abundant and potent GHG; it absorbs a wider spectrum of IR wavelengths than CO₂.

So, what actually makes CO₂ pollution?

④ Why are temperature departures from 1850-1900 climate conditions deemed as the human welfare control knob given that the overall human condition has never been better than it is today? How is was climate during the end of the Little Ice Age — the coldest period in the last 10,000-years — preferable to today's? On what account was the weather more benign? By what measure? Be specific. Tell me how the climate was supposedly less dangerous in the 17-19th centuries.

⑤ The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that President Biden signed into law in 2022 was popularized as the “biggest climate bill in history,” but ever since the bill was signed, climate alarmists insist climate change has only gotten worse.

Why are we not seeing the bill work its magic?

<https://axios.com/2024/07/21/biden-legacy-election-2024>

⑥ If we spend \$75 trillion to decarbonize the economy by 2050, by how much will it reduce the GMST by the end of the century? Please provide your answer to the nearest tenth of a degree Celsius and show your calculations.

What does the perfect climate look like? How will we know when we get there? By what measure?

⑦ The estimated cost of net zero by the year 2050 in the U.S. is \$75 trillion (\$3 trillion per year), according to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.