



OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The regular committee meetings of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District (“OPPD” or “District”) were held in person with public accessibility both in person and via WebEx audio and video conference on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

Present in person were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, M. R. Core, J. M. Mollhoff, M. G. Spurgeon and E. H. Williams. S. E. Howard and C. C. Moody were absent. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, M. V. Purnell and T. F. Meyerson of the Fraser Stryker law firm, General Counsel for the District. Chair E. H. Williams presided and E. H. Lane, Sr. Board Operations Specialist, recorded the minutes.

Executive leadership team members joining the Open Session in person at 10:00 a.m. were J. M. Bishop, K. W. Brown, C. V. Fleener, T. D. McAreavey, L. A. Olson, M. V. Purnell, and B. R. Underwood. L. S. Hough joined in place of S. M. Focht and S. J. Hanson joined in place of T. R. Via.

Committee Agenda Item 1: Board Chair Opening Statement

Chair Williams gave a brief opening statement, including an announcement regarding public notice of meeting, which was publicized by notifying the area news media¹; by publicizing same in the Omaha World Herald², OPPD Outlets newsletter, oppd.com and social media; by displaying such notice on the Arcade Level of Energy Plaza; and by emailing such notice to each of the District’s Directors on February 6, 2024. He also provided reminders for using the WebEx audio and video conferencing platform. He noted the Board would conduct a closed session to discuss one topic: (i) Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities.

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.

² Public notice of meeting was published in the print version of the *Omaha World Herald* newspaper on February 6, 2024, and in the online version from February 6 through February 13, 2024.

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Committee Agenda Item 2: Closed Session

At 9:34 a.m. Director Bogner moved that the Board go into Closed Session. Director Bogner stated as follows:

"I move that the Board go into closed session at this time 9:34 a.m. to discuss one topic: (i) Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities.

*With respect to the **Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities**, a closed session is necessary because the discussion will involve competitive and confidential compensation and retention information.*

The motion was seconded by Director Cavanaugh.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Core – Yes; Howard – Absent; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Absent; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes. The motion carried (6-0).

Chair Williams read the following:

"The motion to go into closed session has passed. This closed session will be limited to discussion regarding one topic: (i) Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities.

After confirming the Board members, T. F. Meyerson, General Counsel, M. V. Purnell, L. J. Fernandez and E. H. Lane were present, the WebEx Event was locked to prevent additional attendees from joining, the board conducted its closed session discussion of the Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board took a break. No further business was discussed. The WebEx Event was unlocked to allow OPPD staff and the public to join.

At 10:06 a.m., a motion was made and seconded to reconvene the meeting in open session.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Core – Yes; Howard – Absent; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Absent; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes. The motion carried (6-0).

Chair Williams stated:

"The motion to come out of closed session at 10:06 a.m. is carried. This closed session was limited to discussion regarding one topic: (i) Appointment of Vice President, Safety and Facilities. No votes or other board action was taken.

Committee Agenda Item 3: Public Session – Board Chair Opening Statement

Chair Williams welcomed members of the public and gave an overview of the meeting agenda and reminders for using the WebEx audio and video conferencing platform. He informed the public that per the Board's Guidelines for Public Participation, the Board does not take public comment during the All Committees meeting. The Board will take public comments at the Board meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 which will be conducted in person at the Omaha Douglas

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Civic Center at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend in person or remotely via WebEx Events by going to oppd.com.

Chair Williams noted all Board members were present, along with members of the OPPD executive leadership team and subject matter experts. Additionally, 22 members of the public and OPPD employees joined via WebEx.

Committee Agenda Item 4: 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) Pre-job Briefs; (ii) Warm up to avoid sprain, strain and tear injuries; and (iii) Heart Health Month.

Committee Agenda Item 5: Governance Committee

Governance Committee Chair Report

Director Bogner reported the Governance Committee met on February 6, via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Prior Month Pre-Committee Action Items; (iii) Annual Committee Charter Review; (iv) Appointment of VP, Safety & Facilities; (v) Governance Committee Planning Calendar; (vi) Board Work Plan – Governance Committee Items; and (vii) Summary of Meeting. Director Bogner also reviewed the three-month outlook for the committee.

Supporting Data

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Three Month Outlook

Appointment of Vice President , Safety and Facilities

L. J. Fernandez, President and CEO, provided the following report to support the appointment of Gina Langel as VP, Safety and Facilities.

- a. Gina Langel has more than three decades of relevant experience:
 - She worked at Metropolitan Utility District (M.U.D.) from 1990 to 2005 as a Utilization Engineer and as Assistant Superintendent – Gas Production. She served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at M.U.D. from 2021 to 2023.
 - She joined OPPD in 2005 and served in various roles including Engineer – Demand- Side and Sustainability Management; Manager – Fossil Fuels; and Director – Continuous Improvement.
- b. Mrs. Langel holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She also has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Requesting Board approval of the appointment of Gina Langel to the position of Vice President - Safety & Facilities.

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The Board was scheduled to vote on this matter at the February 15, 2024 meeting.

Supporting Data

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Exhibit A

Resolution

SD-12: Information Management and Security Policy Revision

K. W. Brown, CIO and VP, Technology Services presented proposed changes to SD-12 to the Board. The Board determined it was necessary to have a public review and comment period. The public comment period will be open from February 14 through March 17, 2024. The revisions will be presented to the Board as an action item at the March Board meeting.

Supporting Data

Presentation

SD-12: Information Management and Security Policy

Redline SD-12: Information Management and Security Policy

Committee Agenda Item 6: Finance Committee

Finance Chair Report

Director Spurgeon reported the Finance Committee met on February 2, via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Claim Settlement Report; (iii) Pledged Securities; (iv) Preliminary 2023 Financial Results; (v) Annual Committee Charter Review; (vi) Annual Work Plan – Finance Committee Items; and (vii) Summary of meeting.

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Claim Settlement in Excess of \$50,000 – 1405 Ida Street, Omaha, NE

L. S. Hough, Director, Legal Operations reported the settlement of a claim in excess of \$50,000 to the Board.

- a. On July 20, 2023, a District crew damaged a fiber duct containing five (5) 288 count fiber cables at or near 14075 Ida Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Three communications companies have ownership of one or more of the fiber cables housed in the damaged duct. One fiber company, OPTK, claimed approximately \$107,500 in total damages for their two fiber cables.
- b. Nebraska State Statute §84-713 requires a report to the Board of Directors for the settlement of any claim in excess of \$50,000.
- c. The District and OPTK have agreed to a settlement in the amount of \$99,990 without any admission of liability by the District. The parties have entered into written settlement.

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Pledged Securities

J. A. Petruilis, Manager, Treasury, Debt and Investments presented the following report to ensure Board awareness that the District's deposit balances held at financial institutions are sufficiently guaranteed.

- a. Nebraska statutes require that District balances held at financial institutions in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") limits are sufficiently guaranteed with pledged securities.
- b. Exhibit A identifies financial institutions which have District funds on deposit and separately lists those financial institutions with balances above and below the FDIC limits.
- c. The District and its financial institutions monitor balances on a daily basis to ensure that sufficient levels of pledged securities are in place.

Supporting Data

Datasheet

Exhibit A

Committee Agenda Item 7: Customer and Public Engagement Committee

Customer and Public Engagement Committee Chair Report

Director Core, in Director Howards' absence, reported the Customer and Public Engagement Committee met on February 5, via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Legislative Update; (iii) Grants Update; (iv) Generation Communication Plan Update; (v) Annual Committee Charter Review; (vi) Board Work Plan – C&PE Committee Items; and (vii) Summary of Meeting.

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Legislative and Regulatory Update

L. A. Olson, Vice President, Public Affairs, and B. E. Aken, Director, Economic Development and External Relations, provided an update on 2024 state and legislative matters, local government affairs and regulatory matters.

- a. Nebraska's 108th Legislature 2nd session began on January 3, 2024 and ends on April 18, 2024.
- b. The 118th Congress began on January 3, 2023 and is expected to end January 3, 2025.

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Grants Update

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K. K. Vlasek, Coordinator, Grants and Stakeholder Outreach provided an update on recent grant activity, including OPPD's approach to the funding opportunities available and status of grants funded and awarded at the state and federal level.

- a. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed in November 2021 and funding runs for five years.
- b. The Inflation Reduction Act was passed in August 2022 and funding runs for ten years.

Supporting Data

Datasheet

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Product and Services Update / Renewable Energy Credit Update

A. T. Martinez, Business Enablement Lead, provided the Board of Directors with an update on the REC Product and Phase I Launch.

- a. A Renewable Energy Credit (REC) is a tradeable, market-based instrument that represents the renewable attributes of 1 MW of renewable electricity.
- b. OPPD has developed a REC sales program to achieve additionality by generating revenue to be applied to efficiency projects that reduce OPPDs emissions while supporting customers in achieving their own emission goals.
- c. Board Resolution 5578 authorizes OPPD management to sell RECs at any price.
- d. The REC program will be launched in phases. Phase 1, projected to launch in February 2024, will make RECs available to large commercial and industrial customers within the District.
- e. OPPD will explore expanding the REC offering to other customer classes in future phases with launch dates to be determined.

Supporting Data

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Committee Agenda Item 8: System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee

System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee Chair Report

Director Core, in Director Moody's absence, reported the System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee met on January 31 in person and via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) New Generation and Transmission Update; (iii) SD-6 Safety Monitoring Report; (iv) Annual Committee Charter Review; (v) Board Approval Items; (vi) Board Work Plan – Systems Committee Items; and (vii) Summary of Meeting.

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SD-6: Safety

A.T. Christensen, Director, Safety, Training and Health, provided the following report to ensure full board review, discussion, and acceptance of SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report.

- c. The first set of Board policies was approved by the Board on July 16, 2015. A second set of Board policies was approved by the Board on October 15, 2015.
- d. Each policy was evaluated and assigned to the appropriate Board Committee for oversight of the monitoring process.
- e. The System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee is responsible for evaluating Board Policy SD-6: Safety.
- f. The System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee has reviewed the SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report, as outlined on Exhibit A, and is recommending that OPPD be found to be sufficiently in compliance with the policy as stated.

The SMNO Committee recommended board approval of the SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report.

The Board was scheduled to vote on this matter at the February 15, 2024, meeting.

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Exhibit A – Monitoring Report

Resolution

Nuclear Oversight Committee Quarterly Report

T. S. Uehling, Sr. Director, FCS Decommissioning, provided a regular oversight of items related to the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) nuclear plant.

In addition to safe and secure dry cask storage of fuel, the required Preventative Maintenance tasks and Surveillance Tests, the following major decommissioning activities were conducted:

- a. Reactor vessel segmentation, including disposal of all materials and vendor demobilization, has been completed.
- b. The critical path work has shifted to demolition, removal, and disposal of all the remaining structures and equipment within containment. The first key component removed will be one of the two Steam Generators in the coming months. The entire containment interior demolition effort will last into 2025.
- c. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continues to review the License Termination Plan, with approval anticipated in the coming weeks. The first 2024 on-site, recurring inspection by the NRC is planned for the last week of February.

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The board took a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

Integrated Distribution Plan Scope and Overview

D. J. Lenihan, Director, Transmission and Distribution Planning, provided the following update to the Board of Directors on the development of an Integrated Distribution Planning methodology and what a phased approach will look like over the next several years.

- a. Transformations such as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), grid device modernization, electrification and Distributed Energy Resource (DER) adoption necessitate that OPPD continue to invest in its distribution system planning program for the future of the distribution grid.
- b. Developing a more Integrated Distribution Plan will enable OPPD to evolve from legacy planning methodologies to a more advanced and integrated planning process. The infusion of new and more robust systems and tools will help enable OPPD's Powering the Future 2050 goals of perfect power, customer freedom and cleaner world.

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Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program Update

A.T. Smith, Director, Distributed Device Strategy provided the following report on execution progress for the AMI ecosystem of technologies and to report key decisions made.

- a. The AMI Ecosystem program will enable two-way communication between OPPD operators and each customer meter, provide detailed energy usage data to help customers make informed decisions, improve account access and self-service, enhance reliability through grid situational awareness, provide better outage information, and set the stage for future interactive, customized products and service options.
- b. A vendor has been selected for the Customer Platform and OPPD is in contract negotiations with the vendor. The customer platform will be the enabling technology through which our customers will experience the benefits of AMI. This is the sixth and final major platform selection for the program.
- c. OPPD has developed a set of "soft launch" criteria that has provided the basis for the selection of pilot areas to rollout the first 10,000 AMI meters. The external marketing and communication strategy is being developed and will be used to create a dialogue with our customers in the pilot areas.

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15kV Metalclad Switchgear Cubicle and Switchgear Enclosure

S. J. Hanson, Director, Engineering, provided the following information to support Board of Directors authorization to reject the proposals received for RFP No. 6122, and for the District to enter into a negotiated contract for the purchase of 15kV metalclad switchgear cubicles and switchgear enclosure.

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- a. The new 15kV metalclad switchgear cubicles and switchgear enclosure is needed to support the expansion of a substation for increased distribution capacity in Blair.
- b. Metalclad switchgear cubicles contain 15kV circuit breakers and relaying equipment that protect distribution circuits and substation transformers from faults on the distribution system.
- c. The switchgear enclosure keeps the switchgear cubicles out of the elements and provides area for electricians and relay techs to operate and maintain the switchgear, 15kV circuit breakers and relays.
- d. Four (4) proposals were received. Two (2) proposals were deemed legally non-responsive, and all four (4) proposals were deemed technically non-responsive.
- e. Desired delivery of the 15kV metalclad switchgear cubicles with switchgear enclosure is March 2025.

Requesting authorization by the Board to reject all proposals received for RFP No. 6122 “15kV Metalclad Switchgear Cubicles and Switchgear Enclosure” and allow District Management to enter into a negotiated contract.

The Board was scheduled to vote on this matter at the February 15, 2024, meeting.

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Analysis of Proposal

Tabulation of Bids

Legal Opinion

Resolution

Committee Agenda Item 9: Other Business

Confirmation of Board Meeting Agenda

The Board members reviewed the agenda for the Board meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, and it was decided 9 on the agenda will be moved to Discussion Action Items. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, 2nd Floor Legislative Chamber, at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend in person or remotely via WebEx audio and video conference.

Review of Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed items added to the board work plan since the January board meeting.

New Generation & Transmission: Natural Gas Generation, Energy Delivery and Solar Updates

M. A. Walker, Manager Construction Management, J. E. Lang, Director, Generation Strategy and Origination, and S. A. Eidem, Director, Engineering Services, presented an update on the large number of bulk electric system projects that are advancing through the planning, engineering and construction phases of their respective project lifecycles.

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- a. Standing Bear Lake Station: The approximate 150MW reciprocating internal combustion engine (RICE) facility in Douglas County, Nebraska is advancing through the construction and is expected to be operational near the end of 2024.
- b. Turtle Creek Station: The approximate 450MW simple cycle combustion turbine (CT) facility in Sarpy County, NE is advancing through the construction phase and is expected to be operational near the end of 2024.
- c. Solar: Major activities were completed on the efforts for the approximate 81MW solar facility located in Saunders County, Nebraska and the facility is expected to begin operations shortly in 2024. Project development efforts are still underway for the potential 310MW K Junction project in York County, Nebraska.
- d. Cass to Sarpy Transmission: The network expansion for 345kV transmission infrastructure from Cass County, Nebraska to Sarpy County, Nebraska continues to advance.
- e. Near Term Generation New Natural Gas Decisions & Next Steps: Major engine and siting decisions have been completed for the natural gas infrastructure for near term generation.
- f. North Omaha Station Refuel and Retire: Multiple major activities have been conducted for the conversion and extension of North Omaha Station.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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