OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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 Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Present in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, T. W. Gay, A. L. McGuire, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, E. H. Williams and R. M. Yoder. Also present in person were T. J. Burke, President and Chief Executive Officer, S. M. Bruckner, General Counsel for the District, M. F. Hinners, Senior Corporate Governance Specialist, and other members of the OPPD Board meeting support staff. Chair C. C. Moody presided and M. F. Hinners 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. Hinners took roll call of the Board. All members were present.
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**Board Agenda Item 5: Announcement regarding public notice of meeting**

Ms. Hinners read the following:

“Therefore, 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 October 9, 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 7. Nebraska City Station Unit 1 Deaerator Dome Replacement Labor Contract Award – Resolution No. 6395

Item 8. Nebraska City Station Unit 2 Reheater Upper Bank Replacement Labor Contract Award – Resolution No. 6396

Item 9. Jones Street Unit 1 Repair Parts and Services Request to Negotiate – Resolution No. 6397


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, October 13, 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 11: Electric System Evaluation and Modernization Strategic Initiative Update – T. R. Via, Vice President – Energy Delivery, and A. T. Smith, Director Operations**

T. R. Via, Vice President – Energy Delivery, began with a reminder that the Electric System Evaluation and Modernization strategic initiative (“ESE&M” or “Grid Mod”) 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.

Mr. Via introduced A. T. Smith, Director Operations and manager of the ESE&M strategic initiative. (Mr. Via informed the Board that Mr. Smith will be transitioning to a new role as Director Customer Experience in the coming months. Mr. Via confirmed that Mr. Smith will continue to lead the ESE&M strategic initiative.)

Mr. Smith presented the following information:

- Need for a Strategic Initiative
  - Decarbonization
  - Changing Customer Preferences
  - Electrification of Transportation
  - Aging Electric Infrastructure
  - Technology Advancements and Innovation
- Objective and Goals
- Customer and Utility of the Future
- Grid Ecosystem
  - Grid Modernization and Operational Tools
  - Field Mobility and Core Office Technology
- Workstream Project Teams
- Long Term Benefits and Expected Outcomes
- Strategic Initiative Touchpoints
- Resources
  - Approximately 30 individuals, including advisors, support team, core team and subject matter experts
- Revised Initiative Milestone Timeline (preliminary and subject to change)
  - Phases 1 – 5 through implementation in 2023 and beyond

The Board and management team discussed various aspects of the Electric System Evaluation and Modernization strategic initiative, including the timing of future updates to the Board and public engagement.

Director Cavanaugh departed the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

**Board Agenda Item 12: President’s Report**

President Burke presented the following information:

- September Baseload Generation
- September Peaking Generation
- September Renewables
- Honor Our Community activities and events
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update
  - All six Level 2 public charging stations have been installed
  - Funded by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) in partnership with the Nebraska Community Energy Alliance (NCEA)
- 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, expressed appreciation for the District’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including allowing the public to attend Board meetings remotely. He noted the Sierra Club’s opposition to the proposed natural gas peaking facilities. He expressed disappointment that a proposed resolution to address the District’s legislative priorities was not on the Board’s agenda.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

J. A. Comstock
Assistant Secretary

M. F. Hinners
Assistant Secretary of the Meeting