



## OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 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 Thursday, August 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. Also present in person were T. J. Burke, President and Chief Executive Officer, S. M. Bruckner, General Counsel for the District, and M. F. Hinnners, Senior Corporate Governance Specialist. 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. Customer owners also 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***

Mr. 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 urged everyone to wear a mask and informed 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 and for in person attendees.

At 4:08 p.m., the Webex audio and video conference experienced technical difficulties. The Board took a break at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:16 p.m.

#### ***Board Agenda Item 4: Roll Call***

Ms. Hinnners took roll call of the Board. All members except Director Gay were present.

**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 August 7, 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.”*

**Board Consent Action Items:**

- Item 6. Approval of the June 2020 Comprehensive Financial and Operating Report, July 2020 Meeting Minutes and the August 13, 2020 Agenda
- Item 7. 345-161-13.8kV 300/400/500 (560) MVA OLTC Autotransformer – Resolution No. 6387
- Item 8. Fall 2020 Transmission Construction – Resolution No. 6388

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, August 11, 2020.

Chair Moody then asked if any members of the public attending via Webex conferencing or in person 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 – Absent; McGuire – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (7-0).

**Board Agenda Item 9: SD-9: Resource Planning Monitoring Report – Resolution No. 6389**

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

*“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Omaha Public Power District accepts the SD-9: Resource Planning Monitoring Report, in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and finds OPPD to be sufficiently in compliance with the policy as stated.”*

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

At 4:22 p.m., the Webex audio and video conference experienced technical difficulties. The Board took a break at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:34 p.m.

Chair Moody asked Director Mollhoff to restate her introductory comments on the SD-9 Resource Planning Monitoring Report.

Director Mollhoff expressed appreciation for the Power with Purpose team's innovative modeling approach and many long hours of work.

Director Williams expressed support for the SD-9 monitoring report based on the current language of the strategic directive policy. He expressed interest in discussing potential revisions to SD-9 at the upcoming Board Retreat.

Chair Moody noted the Board Retreat would be conducted on August 25 and 26, and the public is welcome to attend via Webex Events audio and video conferencing.

Director Yoder questioned the District's compliance with SD-9 with respect to short-term and long-term planning.

Director McGuire expressed support for the SD-9 monitoring report.

Chair Moody noted that the Board began discussing potential revisions to SD-9 a year ago.

Chair Moody then asked for public comments.

Mr. Scott Williams, 3820 Jones Street, commented that he participated in the 2017 integrated resource plan (IRP) and looks forward to public engagement in the upcoming IRP process.

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

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Gay – Absent; McGuire – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (7-0).

**Board Agenda Item 10: Statement of Support and Appreciation for the Employees of OPPD – Resolution No. 6390**

Ms. Hinnners read the following:

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION  
FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF OPPD**

*"WHEREAS, the electric utility industry is now, more than ever, experiencing rapid, transformative change that requires a diligent and steadfast focus on OPPD's mission to provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have manifested the significance of OPPD's core values – Passion to Serve, Honor Our Community, and Care About Each Other – through their actions in service of the District;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees demonstrated extraordinary commitment to customer owners when responding to a major straight-line wind storm that resulted in over 57,000 outages in the OPPD service territory on August 10, 2020;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have been working diligently to execute on the District's Power with Purpose plan, adding utility scale solar and natural gas peaking facilities;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have demonstrated resilience, flexibility and commitment to the District's mission in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, which put extraordinary challenges on the operations of the District;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have and continue to explore myriad opportunities to assist customer owners in navigating through an extraordinarily difficult economic situation;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees are undertaking five major strategic initiatives that will keep OPPD leading the way towards its transition as the utility of the future;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have creatively explored and implemented new ways to engage its customer owners as customer needs and technologies change;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees continue their excellent work to decommission and deconstruct the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station facility;*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have impressively maintained financial stability and instituted cost improvement practices that have maintained a no general rate increase for four years; and*

*WHEREAS, OPPD employees have maintained a high focus on and achieved high marks for safety, system reliability and customer service.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District, at a meeting duly convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, hereby publicly expresses its sincere appreciation of, and support for the work of, the employees of Omaha Public Power District."*

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

Chair Moody explained as Chair of the Board, he meets regularly with President Burke. These meetings have allowed him to see the amount of significant work that is occurring in the District, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director Cavanaugh expressed pride in the employees of OPPD, especially in light of all the current challenges.

Director Mollhoff expressed appreciation for the responsiveness of OPPD employees and 24/7 efforts to keep the power on and the organization moving.

Director Bogner expressed gratitude to the energy production team.

Director Williams expressed appreciation for how OPPD employees continue to work on transformative projects such as Strategic Vision 2050 and appreciation for storm outage restoration efforts.

Director Yoder expressed appreciation for the customer service teams during these trying times.

Director McGuire commented the District has outstanding employees and expressed appreciation for retirees who established a culture of family.

Chair Moody then asked for public comments.

Ms. Frances Mendenhall, 3715 Hamilton, inquired about the decarbonization plan and when it will be finished. Mary Fisher, Vice President – Energy Production, stated the District is interviewing consultants to help with the analysis and the decarbonization plan is estimated to be completed by the end of 2021.

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

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Gay – Absent; McGuire – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (7-0).

Director Cavanaugh departed the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

### ***Board Agenda Item 11: President's Report***

President Burke expressed appreciation for the Board's support. He then presented the following information:

- Storm Restoration
- July Baseload Generation
- July Peaking Generation
- July Renewables
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Program
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Education and Tools
- August – December 2020 Board Meeting Plan
  - President Burke explained the importance of keeping OPPD's facilities closed to visitors in order to protect critical infrastructure employees. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act limits the number of Board meetings that can be held remotely. OPPD plans to conduct the remaining All Committee meetings and September Board meeting virtually via Webex, and the October, November and December Board meetings in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center. President Burke

noted that the public may attend the meetings via Webex. All meeting information will be publicly noticed in advance of the meeting.

- Honor Our Community remembrance

***Board Agenda Item 12: Opportunity for comment on other items of District Business***

Chair Moody asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Alan Vovolka, 3715 Hamilton, inquired about rescheduling upcoming All Committee meeting dates and about the target audience for OPPD's commercials. President Burke and Chair Moody noted the commercials have a customer education and public engagement purpose.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vice Chair of the Nebraska Sierra Club, suggested that solar generation and CARES Act updates be included in the monthly President's Report or other report. President Burke stated OPPD will provide customer trends updates to the Board.

Mr. John Pollack, 1412 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, provided the Board with information about the derecho wind storm that occurred on August 10. Mr. Pollack suggested OPPD educate the public about planting strong trees that are more wind resistant.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

*/s/ T. R. Via*

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T. R. Via  
Assistant Secretary

*/s/ M. F. Hinnners*

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M. F. Hinnners  
Assistant Secretary of the Meeting