

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 18, 2023

The Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District met for a special meeting in the Boardroom of the District's corporate office at 4550 West Husker Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska, on August 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the mailed notice of the meeting sent to all Directors of the District and notice posted. Dana Meyer, Chairman of the District, called the meeting to order.

Directors present were as follows: Larry Benson, Lee Grove, Kevin Choquette, Joel Kuehn, Rick Bergman, Courtney Retzlaff, Bob Kieborz, Joe Gustafson, Dean Klute, Neal Katzberg, Curtis Rohrich, Wayne Anderbery, Dana Meyer and Arlon Jacobitz. President/CEO Neal Niedfeldt and attorney Dave Jarecke were also present.

Directors absent: None

Chairman Meyer publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

# **AGENDA**

There were no additions requested to the agenda.

# **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

Chairman Meyer stated that the CEO Search Committee conducted interviews for the new CEO position and announced the committee has selected Chad Waldow as the candidate for the new CEO/General Manager of Southern Public Power District. Mr. Waldow is the current CEO/General Manager of Stanton County Public Power District.

A motion was duly moved by the CEO Search Committee to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves the selection of Chad Waldow as the CEO and General Manager of Southern Public Power District starting on October 2, 2023, as recommended by the CEO Search Committee.

Roll call vote: Yes 14, No 0, Absent 0

Chairman Meyer introduced Chad Waldow who acknowledged the Directors for this upcoming opportunity as Southern Public Power District's next CEO and General Manager.

A motion was duly moved by Director Klute, seconded by Director Benson, to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves going into executive session at 10:17 a.m. to discuss legal strategies regarding the risks of litigation associated with public information requests recently received.

Mr. Steve White, reporter with NTV in attendance, objected to the Board entering Executive Session to discuss the public information requests. Attorney Jarecke explained that the Executive Session was being held to discuss the litigation risks associated with the public information requests and that Mr. White's perception that the Board was entering Executive Session to discuss the requests and a potential response was incorrect. That perception was not consistent with the motion and was not discussed in executive session.

Roll call vote: Yes 14, No 0, Absent 0

A motion was duly moved by Director Anderbery, seconded by Director Gustafson, to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves coming out of executive session at 10:39 a.m.

Roll call vote: Yes 14, No 0, Absent 0

A motion was duly moved by Director Choquette, seconded by Director Grove, to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District approves the adjournment of the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Roll call vote: Yes 14, No 0, Absent 0

Kevin Choquette, Secretary

Dana Meyer, Chairman