

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AS THE SOLE MEMBER OF
PRAIRIELAND ENERGY, INC.

September 19, 2019

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., was held in Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Thursday, September 19, 2019, beginning at 8:02 a.m.

Chair Donald J. Edwards called the meeting to order asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Mr. Kareem Dale, Mr. Donald J. Edwards, Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes, Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson, Dr. Stuart C. King, Mr. Edward L. McMillan, Ms. Jill B. Smart. Governor J. B. Pritzker was absent. Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, voting student trustee, Urbana, was present. The following nonvoting student trustees were in attendance: Ms. Susan E. Panek, student trustee, Chicago; Ms. Rosie Dawoud, student trustee, Springfield. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

Also present were the officers of the Board: Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

Mr. Edwards asked the secretary to read the titles of the items on the agenda to be considered. By consensus, the Board agreed that one voice vote would be taken.

(The record of the Board action appears at the end of each item.)

Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees
as the Sole Member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., Meeting

(1) The secretary presents for approval the minutes of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., meeting of March 14, 2019.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Smart, these minutes were approved.

Approve Power Purchase Agreement for Solar Farm 2.0 at Urbana-Champaign

(2) The University procures energy commodities and related energy services from market sources through Prairieland Energy, Inc. (“Prairieland”), a University-Related Organization. In September 1996 the Board of Trustees established Prairieland to provide low-cost energy for the benefit of the University and others. Prairieland provides an efficient vehicle for flexible, nimble, and real-time participation in wholesale energy markets, resulting in cost savings and other benefits to the University. The Board of Trustees at its September 27, 2018, meeting authorized Prairieland to enter into power purchase agreements (PPAs) for investment in and sourcing of sustainable energy with a term not to exceed 20 years.

Prairieland conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a vendor to develop Solar Farm 2.0 at Urbana-Champaign. The selection committee reviewed 19 vendor proposals and based on technical criteria and total project cost selected Sol

Systems, LLC. This bid will provide significant costs savings as compared to other vendor bids and as compared to purchasing energy in the market. The commodity cost of \$45.99/Megawatt hour (MWh) is significantly less than the average Fiscal Year 2018 delivered power cost of \$62.89/MWh, and represents a savings of approximately \$200,000 per year. The total contract value of \$20,143,045 was \$5,875,823 lower than the next lowest bid.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois, recommends approval of the vendor selection and the Prairieland board recommends that the Board of Trustees, as the sole member of Prairieland, approve Prairieland to contract with Sol Systems, LLC, at a contract cost of \$20,143,045 for a 20-year term

The action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Accordingly, the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Smart, this recommendation was approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

On motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

There were no “nay” votes.