

Oregon Joint Use Association
Meeting Minutes
Bend Broadband – Bend, Oregon
Thursday June 18, 2015

President Terry Blanc called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Janet Ebright, Past President
Terry Blanc, President
Sam Ackley, Vice President
Brant Wolf
Jeff Kent*
Gary Lee
Linda Spurgeon*
Scott Rosenbalm, Secretary*
Scott Wheeler, Treasurer
Tom McGowan*

Guests:

Jeff VanLoo, Tillamook PUD
Donna Beckham, Central Lincoln PUD
Brooke Sisco, Columbia River PUD*
Mark Simonson, UC Synergetic
Krista Voss, Osmose*

Staff:

Laureal Williams

Not Present:

Doug Morten

**via conference call*

- Minutes** The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 19, 2015 minutes.
 MOTION: Moved by Brant Wolf and seconded by Sam Ackley to
 approve the March 19, 2015, minutes as corrected. **Motion passed.**
- Treasurer's Report:** Scott Wheeler reviewed the financial statements provided in the meeting packets.
 MOTION: Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Brant Wolf to approve
 the financial report as submitted. **Motion passed.**
- Committee Reports** Publicity & Education – Committee Chair Jeff Van Loo provided an update on
 the committee's progress in developing the program for the 2016 Spring Training
 Workshop, including consideration of venues, speakers, and dates. Jeff addressed
 questions from the Board related to alternate speakers and larger venues. The
 Board discussed the possibility of including an NESC-topic discussion panel that
 would address the rules, interpretation and application of the rules. Jeff noted
 that the committee is also reviewing the value of the current program to veteran
 industry members, and is considering two events—one for beginners and one for
 more experienced personnel. The Board also discussed a special session for
 administrative personnel, as well as expanding to multiple tracks. The Board
 addressed the suitability of the event for exhibiting sponsors and reviewed the
 history and reason for not having them present in the past.
- Conflict Resolution – Committee Chair Jeff Kent provided an update, noting that
 there is no new activity in terms of conflict resolutions. In reviewing the
 membership of the committee, Jeff noted that there are currently eight members:

Gary Lee, Doug Morten, Todd Gover, Dwayne Dunaway, Wally Riggs, Stuart Sloan, and Terry Blanc. This membership equates to three representatives from the power industry, one representative from the telecommunications industry, three representatives from the cable industry and one independent representative. Jeff indicated the committee could use another telecommunications representative to replace recently retired Mark Beaudry; Jeff indicated that he is open to expanding the overall membership of the committee.

Inspection/Correction Efficiency (ICE) – Committee Co-Chair Janet Ebright indicated the committee is preparing to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting. Representatives of the committee will be meeting with PUC Safety Staff in October.

Joint Inspection/Correction Subcommittee (JIS) – Committee Co-Chair Scott Wheeler reported on the committee's progress on its work products, including: violation matrix (complete), violation PowerPoint presentation (nearing completion), inspection best practices manual (just initiated), inspection success measurement/trending tools (just initiated). President Terry Blanc addressed the development of the measurement tool, noting that it will be used to identify effectiveness of current and joint inspection processes. A presentation of the work products will be made at the Annual Meeting in October.

Mapping Subcommittee – Committee Chair Linda Spurgeon provided an update on the mapping project. The Board discussed the process of soliciting data from utility providers from around the state. President Blanc noted that the Association will be distributing a request to those members who have not participated so far. Brant Wolf noted that Steven Hayes of the PUC has all of the independent teleco service boundaries data. The Board discussed the project and the expectations for the finished work product and considered additional work related to quarter sections in 2016. Chair Linda Spurgeon will follow up with Dave Chaney to assess Accent's interest in the additional work and request an estimated cost for the work identified.

Standards Committee – Committee Chair David Barks provided an update on the committee's work, noting that the committee has elected to table the issue of NESC 215 until after the 2017 code book is published. David reported that the grandfathering matrix is nearing completion but may be impacted by the electrical workshop's activity regarding clearances. President Terry Blanc reported that the workshop's efforts are likely to impact only one section of the matrix. David noted that the committee is waiting on the PUC all-utility letters and hopes to receive them soon. In addition, the committee is in the process of reviewing and revising the Standards Manual.

Executive Committee – Committee Chair Sam Ackley provided an update on the committee's activities, including a discussion of the Joint Inspection Subcommittee's members since there is no longer a CenturyLink representative in that group. Sam indicated the committee will be querying Frontier for interest.

The committee is also considering the impact of publication of the 2017 NESC code book on the 2017 Spring Training Workshop and will work closely with the P & E Committee to find viable logistical and program solutions.

With regard to the current membership drive, Sam noted the Committee will be focusing on ILECs; Brant Wolf and President Terry Blanc will be working on those contacts. Brant indicated that there about six ILECs who could benefit from membership.

Sam reported the Committee is considering setting up a LinkedIn group page to help brand the Association.

Sam noted that the program for the upcoming Annual Meeting has been finalized. A Save-the-Date will be emailed soon, with on-line registration to follow soon there after.

In response to the recent headhunter solicitation forwarded to committee, the Board elected to respond with an invitation to the annual meeting to network with membership and/or to become an associate member of the organization.

Industry Updates

CenturyLink Update/NJUNS – Tom McGowan provided an update indicating that codes were updated as of April 16. Provided an in-depth description of the ticket submission process steps as well as the type of data collected on the ticket. All notices of NESC violations will need to go to Ken Morgan at CenturyLink. Tom will forward Ken’s contact information to staff for distribution to the Board. Tom addressed specific questions about the process.

PUC Workshops – President Terry Blanc reported on the status of the workshops, noting the PUC wants to focus on IEEE interpretations related to drip loops. Terry indicated there is a suggestion to submit a joint interpretation request to the IEEE from the PUC and electric industry. The group is also soliciting cost estimates for a facilitation process to assist with the workshops. The next workshop is scheduled for August 5. Terry addressed questions from the board about the workshop process and other interest groups that may be involved in the future.

Charter Communications – Gary Lee noted that Charter Communications has made a bid to purchase Time-Warner.

Rulemaking in Washington – Jeff Kent reported on the rulemaking activity taking place in Washington, indicating that the docket has been active. The Commission requested comments on March 24 on a third draft of proposed rules. On May 27, Commission asked for comment on the anticipated financial impact of the proposed rules (which appear to be a fourth draft)—comments were due on June 17. He indicated that although he is unsure of next steps, but suspects there will be a hearing with a last opportunity for comments before the final rules are submitted.

Google – Sam Ackley provided an update on Google’s potential activity in Oregon. Based on recent published hiring notices and other solicitations, Portland appears to be next on the list for construction of Google facilities, perhaps as soon as this fall.

**Old
Business**

No old business was identified.

**New
Business**

No new business was identified.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.