

Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors
Comcast Offices – Beaverton
Thursday, March 20, 2008

Vice Chair Dave Wildman called the meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present

Dave Wildman, Chairman
Dave Ramsey, Secretary
Richard Gray, Treasurer
Jeff Kent, Immediate Past Chairman
Craig Andrus
John Sullivan
Roger Kuhlman (for Stuart Sloan)

Guests:

Mark Gubrud, K&B Engineering
Mark Simonson, UCI
Scott Wheeler, Comcast
Patti Lama, PGE
Sarah Mcann, PacifiCorp
David Bailey, Comcast
Bill Woods, PacifiCorp

Board Members Absent/Excused

Mark Beaudry, Vice Chairman
Stuart Kelly
Kevin O'Connor
Doug Morten
Stuart Sloan

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Minutes The minutes of the December 12 Board meeting, as well as the December 13 and February 13 email ballots were approved en bloc as amended.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Gray provided the treasure's report, noting the association was approximately \$20,000 ahead of last year. He noted the OJUA Executive Committee's recommendation that the Association move its banking to Washington Mutual, for sake of convenience.

Motion: Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Kent to approve the move to Washington Mutual. **Motion passed.**

The Committee discussed obtaining a credit card for association purchases. Following Board discussion, Chair Treasurer Gray recommended that a policy be drafted and distributed regarding credit card purchases. Further, Treasurer Gray will work with staff and the Executive Committee to institute an annual audit.

Treasurer Gray also noted that the Executive Committee had recommended that, in light of the \$20,000 surplus, a second CD be purchased following the move to Washington Mutual.

Treasurer Gray continued his report, noting that the budget was on track, and slightly ahead of previous years.

Motion: Moved by Andrus and seconded by Lee to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Committee
Updates**

Publicity and Education Staff reported that there were currently 87 registrants to the Spring Training event, with early bird registration closing on March 31. The Committee reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting. Staff also recommended that the Board authorize purchase of 25 NESC Manuals.

Motion: Moved by Kent and seconded by Kuhlman to authorize staff to purchase 25 additional NESC Manuals. Motion passed.

Conflict Resolution Chair Sullivan deferred the report to Interim Chair Jeff Kent, explaining that he had recused himself on the grounds that his company has a business relationship with one of the parties. Interim Chair Kent reviewed the Conflict Resolution process and the recommendation from the Conflict Resolution Committee. It was noted that the version in the Committee packets was not the final opinion as submitted. Vice Chair Wildman thanked Jeff Kent for his work on the opinion. Conflict Resolution Chair Sullivan suggested that letters of appreciation be sent to Committee members.

Standards Committee Committee Chair Lee provided an overview of Committee activities, noting that the Committee had been extremely busy and was focusing on its Spring Training presentation. The Committee was also busy defining a method for the evaluation of PDA software, working on the Standards Manual, and compiling a pole tagging matrix. Grandfathering also continues to be an issue. He noted that Mark Gubrud was present and had provided an update of the OJUA mapping system.

Chair Lee discussed with the Board the OJUA inspection form and how to correctly label one of the column headers, currently labeled "NESC Reference"

Chair Lee asked the Board to consider if the mapping project, grandfathering research and the Standards Manual should all be placed in the Members Only section or in the general access area.

Chair Lee also discussed a request for clarification of climbing space from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). John Sullivan offered PGE to do the background work but suggested that the actual request come from OJUA.

Prioritization of Repairs Staff reported that the Committee had not met and there was nothing to report

Legislative Committee Committee Chair Gray reported that he had spoken with PUC staff and the PUC was not planning to introduce legislation in 2009. He also reported that there may be legislation relating to prioritization of transmission poles. OJUA staff reported that, in light of recent utility line vandalism and theft, there were rumors that legislation may be brought forward regulating the sale and purchase of copper wire. Chair Gray asked that any legislative concepts be submitted to the OJUA Legislative Committee for review. Roger Kuhlman noted that the PUC had recently issued opinions relating to inspection/corrections and had bypassed feedback from the OJUA.

Regional Meetings

John Sullivan reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the NW Wireless Association where working together in a cooperative manner was emphasized. Presentations by the PUC staff were also included.

Bill Woods reported that there had been a meeting in Washington regarding pole attachment rates. John Sullivan reported that Washington legislation carved out IOUs. Meetings were also being held in California on wireless issues.

Sarah McCann announced that she had offered to chair the WEI Conference this year in Salt Lake City scheduled for September 14-17. She explained that the purpose of the WEI was to emulate what the OJUA had accomplished, but on a wider scale.

Joint Inspections

Bill Woods reported that there were joint efforts involving Qwest and Comcast in the NE Portland area; PacifiCorp and all licensees in the Albany area; PacifiCorp and Qwest in Washington State; PacifiCorp and AT&T in California. Roger Kuhlman stressed the importance of including small companies in joint efforts. Patti Lama reported Qwest and Comcast in the Salem area. Craig Andres reported that Comspan had backed out of the area.

Other Business

OJUA Logo Jeff Kent reported that Veronica Swanson had offered to revamp the OJUA logo. Copies of several concepts were distributed to the Board.

New Business

Legacy Inspection/Violation Data Jeff Kent reported that the industry and PUC Staff have discussed how to handle aging inspection and violation data. There will be an informal meeting on April 3 of OJUA leadership with PUC staff.

PUC Commentary on FCC Rulemaking Docket 07-245 The Board discussed the fact that the OJUA had requested an opportunity to review and discuss the PUC's work product but had not been provided that opportunity.

Jeff Kent referenced the PUC's letter of commentary and noted several misstatements including:

Page 2, under item 15, the statement that "*In Oregon's rural areas, electric utilities own all the joint-use poles.*"

Final page, the first paragraph discusses boxing the pole, but does not mention Rule 236-G, the climbing space rule, which allows the practice and climbing through.

Board members also noted that on page 1, the first footnote indicated that "*...government entities are not licensees and are not subject to pole attachment agreements. However, governmental entities are subject to the same permitting and rental rates as any licensee in the State.*"

Board members suggested that the OJUA Executive Committee meet with the PUC regarding their letter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OJUA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. in Eugene. Staff will locate a facility.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.