

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Board of Directors  
Comcast Office – Beaverton, OR  
Thursday, September 18, 2008**

Chair Dave Wildman called the meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present:

**Board Members Present**

Dave Wildman, Chairman  
Mark Beaudry, Vice Chairman  
Richard Gray, Treasurer  
Jeff Kent, Immediate Past  
Chairman  
Craig Andrus  
Gary Lee  
Stuart Sloan

**Staff:**

Wendy Knodel, OJUA  
Genoa Ingram, OJUA

**Board Members Absent/Excused**

John Sullivan  
Kevin O'Connor  
Dave Ramsey, Secretary  
Doug Morten  
Stuart Kelly

**Guests**

Bill Woods, PacifiCorp  
Scott Wheeler, Comcast  
Jim McGuire, PGE  
J.R. Gonzales (via telephone)

**Minutes** The minutes of the June 19, 2008 Board meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Gray provided the financial report, noting that the ending balance is approximately \$31,000.00. He added that the Executive Committee received an update that the audit of association funds and practices has been completed successfully. Kori Sarrett of Koontz and Perdue will provide an update to the executive committee at their next meeting which is scheduled for October 8, 2008 at the OJUA office in Salem.

**Motion: Moved by Kent and seconded by Lee to approve the financials.**

**Motion passed.**

**Committee Updates** *Publicity and Education* Committee Chair Stuart Sloan distributed a copy of the annual meeting agenda and discussed the program. Gary Lee suggested that the Committee explore something other than a golf event for future networking opportunities. Chair Sloan discussed topics to be reviewed with OPUC staff such as legacy issues and noted that a Plan of Correction update by Bill Woods would be included in the Committee Reports. A report on the recent Tillamook/Charter conflict will also be included. Guest speaker Tim Hicks of the University of Oregon will also speak on conflict resolution. Friday's program will include a reunion of the original Task Force reunion. Jennifer Webster, the original facilitator, will also be in attendance. Commissioner Lee Beyer is also scheduled

to speak on Friday. The Publicity and Education Committee is scheduled to meet September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chair Sloan asked Board members to review the OJUA Strategic Plan to be sure that Committee's are meeting their commitments. **Staff was asked to email the Strategic Plan to the Board.**

Richard Gray asked if the OJUA might pose the question to Commissioner Beyer about the possibility of the OJUA becoming a quasi-state agency.

Board members also discussed those Board members whose terms were expiring. **Staff indicated that an election notice would be sent out by end of week, pending response from all Board members regarding their intention to seek re-election.**

The Board discussed the 2009 Spring Training. It was suggested that Allen Clapp be approached as an instructor. Other suggestions included Highline, located in Georgia and Southern Engineering. Scott Wheeler suggested that OSHA also be considered. Committee members discussed including another presentation from the OJUA Standards Committee presentation, since the 2008 program was favorably received.

Conflict Resolution No meetings

Standards Committee Committee Chair Gary Lee reported that the Committee had met the previous day and noted that the PDA form would be presented at the Annual Meeting and would be made available for companies evaluating software vendors. The Committee had opted not to have the OJUA evaluate individual vendors. Chair Lee continued that the Construction Practices Manual was nearing completion and would be ready by year end. The mapping project is accessible on the web site and will encompass companies' projected inspection areas. A counter had been placed on web site to track the number of "hits" to the mapping project. Chair Lee reported that the Pole Tagging Survey was nearing completion and that PUC safety staff had agreed to assist in securing responses from companies that had not yet submitted their data. The Committee continues to discuss loose wires as a best construction practice, as well as error rates, which is also a current topic. He explained that the Committee was working toward consensus regarding what is an acceptable error rate. Grandfathering and facility markings are upcoming issues for future discussion.

Executive Committee Mark Beaudry reported that noted we had already spoken to the audit. Reviewed the August and September

Legislative Committee

JR Gonzales joined the meeting by telephone at 10:35 a.m. to discuss the PUC's proposed legislative concept for an assessment of fees to telecommunications cooperatives, consumer owned utilities, and cable companies. He noted that the

fees would be used to fund an additional staff position to be responsible for three areas: 1) deferral monitoring, 2) plans of correction, and 3) assistance with disputes prior to their reaching the formal stage. The position will also alleviate the time crunch of work that JR has to pick up. The total cost will be about \$200,000 to fund the new position. Gary Lee asked JR to share the cost analysis with the Board. JR noted that this was public information and agreed to provide the analysis, along with the form 333 to Genoa Ingram to distribute to the Board.

Bill Woods asked JR what issues he planned to address at the Annual Meeting. JR explained that he will be discussing how the PUC and the OJUA can work closer together.

Richard Gray asked how the cost sharing applied to the PUC request differed between the cooperatives and the PUDs. JR explained that the programs he had outlined would benefit and affect everyone. OJUA Chair Dave Wildman asked about the definition of revenue, and if that definition included only the revenue of the electrics, or if it includes the revenue of fire as well. Chair Wildman also asked if, for public entities, it would be more than just revenue from sales. JR was unable to answer the question from the information that he had with him at the time. Jeff Kent asked about including wireless companies in any assessment. JR explained that the wireless is not regulated and would not be included. Jeff Kent argued that since fiber is used, wireless should therefore be included. JR agreed to look into that possibility. Chair Wildman asked about the intent of JR's presentation. JR responded that the purposes was to inform the Board about legislation that affects operators of the state.

Mark Beaudry noted that the proposal indicated that the Commission may refund any over payment. Board members discussed their past experiences regarding storm support.

**Regional Meetings**

Jeff Kent and Bill Woods reported on the WEI meeting and encouraged OJUA to send representatives in the future. They reported that there was interest in getting industry members to work together. Idaho Power is hosting the 2009 event in Boise; the dates are posted on the WEI website. **Jeff Kent praised the event for the ability to track a number of vendors and suggested that staff attempt to secure a copy of the vendor list.**

Bill Woods reported that OUSC was scheduled to meet the following day regarding construction on the roadway.

**Joint Inspections**

Jeff Kent reported that Qwest had just completed a joint project with Comcast and PGE. Bill Woods reported that PacifiCorp is working with Charter, Comcast and Qwest on collaborative inspections.

**New Business**

Jeff Kent reported on the legacy issues letter and reviewed an email response from JR Gonzales.

**Next  
Meeting**

The next meeting of the OJUA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the Salem area.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.