

Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors: Meeting Minutes
Clackamas Community College – Wilsonville, Oregon
March 16, 2017

President Scott Rosenbalm called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Scott Rosenbalm, President
Tod Rosinbum
Janet Ebright
Tom McGowan
Sam Ackley
Terry Blanc
Jeff Kent
Nancy Lang
Gary Lee
Brant Wolf

Not Present:

Joe Mitchell

Guests:

Dave Barks, Standards Committee Chair*

Staff:

Laureal Williams

**participated via phone*

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 5, 2016, meeting. A correction to the spelling of Kentucky was noted.

MOTION: Moved by Brant Wolf and seconded by Tod Rosinbum to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016, as corrected. **Motion passed.**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Sam Ackley and seconded by Jeff Kent to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Tom McGowan reviewed the financial statements as provided in the meeting materials, noting the substantial accounts receivable resulting primarily from past due memberships and workshop registrations.

It was the consensus of the Board to make at least two more attempts to collect those invoices exceeding 120 days in age before voiding them in the accounting system.

MOTION: Moved by Jeff Kent and seconded by Janet Ebright to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. **Motion passed.**

Industry Updates

The Board discussed a recent development in Utah wherein Rocky Mountain Power (as noted at the January 2017 OJUA Board meeting) has withdrawn its complaint against Blynscy without prejudice; the complaint can be filed again if so desired. Also of interest in Utah, the Public Service Commission has to approve pole attachment agreements, which result in public comment on open

dockets. It is proving to be an interesting exercise to provide information about wireless attachments to Commission staff.

The Board was updated on recent industry activity in Washington, regarding Senate Bill 5711, which proposes rates, terms, and conditions for municipal and public utilities that will be the same as those of investor-owned utilities. Currently public utilities are able to set their own rates. The bill also adds a \$1 fee per pole attachment (telecom only—not electrical) which will be collected and used for the expansion of rural broadband in Washington.

The Board noted that Google Fiber’s activity in Utah appears to be winding down as a result of scope reduction.

PacifiCorp has reposted a job announcement for a billing/cost recovery position. The announcement can be found at www.pacificorp.com/careers.

The Board acknowledged the retirement announcements of Scott Wheeler (Comcast) and Bill Hamelman (Frontier).

The Board discussed recent industry activity in California that has generated pole data requests from the Public Utilities Commission. The Commission may be attempting to develop a data system for access by any pole owner or pole attacher. This may also be a reaction to recent wildfires that have involved utility poles.

The Board members engaged in a discussion about their experiences with attachers attempting to strand mount equipment through copper cable, which is having a negative impact on pole loading. One Board member indicated familiarity with two strand mount technologies: one is a fully enclosed antenna about the size of an amplifier using wi-fi band; the other is a crown castle devise that is an off pole antenna installation attached to and spliced into the fiber—these appear to be installed approximately 5 to 6 feet off the pole. Another Board member indicated his company is seeing a lot of strand mount activity in Seattle, Salt Lake City, and other key metro areas.

The FCC is considering a number of revisions and development of rules to deal with more broadband deployment and entities such as Google and Mobility. The emphasis is on making sure that everything that goes on the pole is safe.

The Board discussed Senate Bill 840 and similar legislation that may be of interest to the joint use entities. SB 840 sets caps and guidelines for franchise fees and privilege fees for facilities in right of way, excludes broadband access. President Rosenbalm indicated that the Executive Committee will ask staff for a legislative update at its next meeting.

**Committee
Reports**

Executive Committee

Committee Chair Tod Rosinbum provided an overview of the Committee’s recent activities, with emphasis on planning efforts for the 2017 Annual Meeting. The Committee hopes to select a location and dates no later than its April meeting.

Publicity and Education Committee

Staff reported on the Committee's activities, noting that the program schedule and Jeopardy games have been submitted to David Marne for review and approval. The events will be hosted at the Red Lion on the River in Jantzen Beach, April 25 – 27. The Board asked that David Marne be sure to include information about code changes related to street lights in both workshops.

Inspection Correction Efficiency Committee

Committee Co-Chair Gary Lee noted that the Committee will meet tomorrow in Salem. Primary emphasis for the meeting will include the pilot program conducted by PGE, Comcast, Frontier, and CenturyLink.

The Board engaged in a discussion about the single inspector to the pole program. Gary noted that his recent experience is that pole owners and attachers don't seem to know about joint use programs or are choosing not to participate in them. The Board discussed how to get more participation, noting that if the entities represented on the Board and the ICE Committee participate, the majority of the poles will be covered in a joint program. Conversely, if these entities fail to participate, there is not much hope for this program to succeed.

The Board discussed how to improve outreach to sister organizations such as OCTA, OPUDA, etc. in order to generate more awareness and interest in joint inspection programs. The Executive Committee was asked how to improve outreach efforts. The Board recognized that there are a lot of hurdles to participating in such a joint program, yet the benefits of participation outweigh not doing it.

Joint Inspection Subcommittee

Staff provided an update on the Subcommittee's activities, noting that the Joint Inspection Best Practices is available on the Association's website.

Standards Committee

Committee Chair Dave Barks provided an update on the Committee's activities, including its ongoing review of the Standards Manual. The Committee has completed an update of the Standards brochure to incorporate changes in the 2017 NESC code; the updated brochure will be included in the Spring Workshop packet materials.

Dave noted that the Committee is also reviewing change proposals for the 2022 edition of the NESC. One change proposed by Tillamook PUD has been reviewed and will be submitted to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to submit the proposal to the IEEE. The Committee anticipates reviewing change proposals from Consumers Power and PP&L later this year.

Dave concluded by reporting that the most recent Committee meeting included a good discussion with OPUC safety staff regarding streetlight arm bonding to a neutral or to a ground rod.

Conflict Resolution

No report at this time.

New Business

New Members

The Board discussed the current practice of acknowledging new OJUA members (a hearty thank you email from staff with link to and summary of information provided on the Association website). The Board asked the Executive Committee to strategize an enhanced welcome process for new members.

Other

Board Meeting Locations

The Board considered location options for the June and September meeting, settling on GorgeNet (to be confirmed by Sam Ackley) for the June 15 meeting and East Umatilla PUD (to be confirmed by Nancy Lang) for the September 21 meeting.

(Staff note: the meeting locations were subsequently changed to the East Umatilla Facility in Boardman for the June 15 meeting and the Best Western Plus in Hood River for the September 21 meeting).

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.