

Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021 – via Zoom conferencing

President Brant Wolf called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Brant Wolf, President
Brooke Sisco, Treasurer
Sam Ackley
Josh Crain
Eric Griffeth
Jeff Kent
Stuart Sloan
Pam Vaughan

Guests:

Glenn Williams
Chris Barley
Steven Burkhalter

Staff:

Laureal Williams

Not Present:

Gary Lee, Vice President
Terry Blanc, Secretary
Jennifer Butler
Scott Rosenbalm

President's Comments

President Wolf noted the recent decision to cancel OJUA Annual Meeting and develop this Board Meeting as a virtual event; he expressed his appreciation to the staff for working so quickly to make the necessary adjustments.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of June 17, 2021, Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Eric Griffeth and seconded by Sam Ackley to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting as submitted. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brooke Sisco reviewed the year-to-date financial reports through August 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Sam Ackley and seconded by Stuart Sloan to accept the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Industry Updates

Docket AR 638 – The Board discussed identified concerns with regard to AR 638, including mandated joint inspections. The group noted that the complexity of some joint use issues (such as joint inspections and corrections) is not compatible with the flexibility needed for an effective wildfire mitigation plan. One member recalled that joint inspections were strongly supported by Safety Staff during the rulemaking for Divisions 28 and 24; the OJUA and other like-minded industry members were able to resist those efforts. The Board discussed the possibility of submitting formal comments on behalf of the Association's members. Prior to drafting comments, President Wolf will call Lori Koho to gather more information and to share some of

the OJUA's concerns. Steven Burkhalter noted that the PUC is hosting a question-and-answer session on September 13, at 2 pm.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Brant Wolf reported that the Executive Committee had recently focused its energies on the Annual Meeting, eventually electing to cancel the event out of an abundance of caution with regard to the pandemic. Jeff Kent expressed his appreciation to the Committee for prioritizing the health and safety of others and making the difficult decision to cancel.

Conflict Resolution Committee – No conflicts submitted for consideration. Jeff Kent acknowledged the written committee reports provided by all of the committee chairs for this meeting and encouraged everyone to read them. Jeff noted that the Conflict Resolution Committee would benefit from the participation of a representative from a CLEC or some other telecommunications company. Jeff reported that the Committee had been contacted recently regarding a potential conflict; although the issue was a contract dispute over which the Committee has no jurisdiction, Jeff was able to provide some guidance. Eric Griffeth noted Lumen was included in that dispute and expressed appreciation for Jeff's assistance. With regard to Committee membership, Sam Ackley indicated that he may have someone from Hunter Communication interested in serving.

P & E Committee – Glen Williams provided a summary of the 2021 Spring Training event, noting participation of representatives from 12 other states. He noted the Committee's recent work toward developing hybrid event for 2022.

Inspection Correction Efficiency Committee – Written report provided.

Standards Committee – Written report provided. As requested, Staff shared the outline for the proposed Wireless chapter of the Best Practices Manual, asking the Board members to provide any feedback or direction directly to Chair Jerry Donovan. Staff also shared the Committee's recommendation regarding community request to decorate or paint utility poles. After much careful consideration and research, the Committee recommends denying such requests.

Mapping Subcommittee – Written report provided.

Elections

According to the Association's Bylaws, Board members serve three-year staggered terms. This year the positions representing large utilities (incumbent: Terry Blanc), small telecommunication companies (incumbent: Brant Wolf), municipal electricians (incumbent: Scott Rosenbalm) and cable (incumbent: Jennifer Butler). Staff reported that all of the incumbents have elected to run for their current positions. No one else has expressed interest in serving in these positions.

MOTION: Moved by Stuart Sloan and seconded by Brooke Sisco to re-elect the slate of the incumbents to the OJUA Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**

Adjourn

There was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.