

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes—July 21, 2021

Jerry Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call In:

Jerry Donovan, Chair, PGE
Corey Cook, Pacific Power
Robb Robison, Lumen
Scott Rosenbalm, McMinnville W&L
Craig Commerford, PGE
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Mark Rettmann, OPUC Safety
Mike Allen, Comcast
Debbie Jenkins, EPUD
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Guests:

Rick Larson, Forest Grove L&P

Staff:

Jody Lyon

Not Present:

Jaime Breckenridge, EWEB
Marlene Martin, Wave Broadband
Stuart Sloan, Consumers Power Inc (*hiatus*)

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting. **MOTION:** It was moved by Corey Cook and seconded by Scott Rosenbalm to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

New Business

Topic: Decorative Painting of Utility Poles

Based on the Standards Committee's extensive discussion and considering OPUC safety staff's input, the Committee feels it is appropriate to apply NESC Rules 012C and 217. By consensus, the Committee does not support decorative painting of utility poles in the state of Oregon.

- Concerns of painting over existing pole tags including pole #, pole height and class, as well as pole test and treatment information.
- Painting could seal in moisture and cause pole to rot out more rapidly.
- Visual inspections could be impaired during "drive-by" inspections of the system, as you might not see damaged facilities.
- Visual distractions/driving hazards for the public.
- Safety concerns such as members of the public climbing ladders during painting/decorating activity.
- Materials used may be flammable. Even "inflammable" products could not be tested reliably.

Old Business

The Committee reviewed Wireless Chapter progress, identifying the status of the remaining unsubmitted drafts. Members will submit remaining sections to the Google Drive upon completion. Staff will meet with Jerry Donovan to review Wireless Chapter for formatting and editing, with a goal of providing the initial draft of the Wireless Chapter as one of the Committee's main products displayed during the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be September 15 at 10 a.m.