

**Oregon Joint Use Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
December 16, 2021 – via Zoom conferencing

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

**Present:**

Brant Wolf, President  
Gary Lee, Vice President  
Terry Blanc, Secretary  
Brooke Sisco, Treasurer  
Sam Ackley  
Jennifer Butler  
Josh Crain  
Eric Griffeth  
Jeff Kent  
Scott Rosenbalm  
Stuart Sloan  
Pam Vaughan

**Not Present:**

N/A

**Guests:**

Steven Burkhalter, City of Ashland  
Jerry Donovan, Standards Committee  
Peter Griffen, Davey Resources  
Jay Henke, Clear Creek Comm  
Jennifer Joly, OMEU  
Kristofer Knittle, Pennsylvania PUC  
Lori Koho, Oregon PUC  
James Marker, Osmose  
Toni Moxley, Potelco/PGE  
Tom McGowan, Northern Wasco PUD  
Tim Webers, NJUNS  
Glen Williams, P & E Committee  
Tom McGowan, Northern Wasco PUC

**Staff:**

Laureal Williams  
Genoa Ingram

**President's Comments**

President Brant Wolf thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President and thanked the Board and staff for their contributions.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of September 8, 2021, Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Eric Griffeth to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting as submitted. **Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report**

*Year-to-Date Financials* – Treasurer Brooke Sisco reviewed the year-to-date financial reports through November 2021

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

*Proposed 2022 Budget* – Laureal Williams reviewed the draft 2022 budget as proposed by the OJUA Executive Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Scott Rosenbalm adopt the 2022 budget as proposed. **Motion passed.**

## **Industry Updates**

Update: AR 638 – Brant reported that the OJUA had provided comments and asked for feedback from Board members. Lori Koho was asked to provide an overview of the rulemaking process to date. Lori reported that PUC staff is reviewing all comments received. Based on feedback, the rule language is being updated to provide additional clarification. New proposed draft language will be posted in early January and she will take a revised staff proposal to the Commission meeting on January 11.

Terry Blanc asked about the timeline for adoption and effective date. Lori replied that the public meeting on January 11 will be the forum to submit staff's request to move into the formal rulemaking process, which is usually a three-month process. The target for having the rules finalized is the end of April. These rules will be affective immediately for plans submitted by the end of 2022. Lori also responded to a request for clarification from Gary Lee on the waiver process.

Brant asked for feedback on the OJUA comments, particularly the joint inspection issue. Lori replied that staff is still developing and discussing that issue with individual Commissioners and the Department of Justice. She also announced that Mark Rettmann would be retiring soon.

## **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Gary Lee reported that the Committee had worked primarily on the 2022 budget, the OJUA rulemaking comments, and the 2022 Spring Training. He also noted that the current Executive Committee members had served for multiple terms. The membership will change next year with Terry Blanc serving as President, Sam Ackley will serve as Vice President, Brooke Sisco will continue as Treasurer, Pam Vaughan will serve as secretary; Gary Lee, Scott Rosenbalm, and Josh Crain will serve as the At-Large members.

Conflict Resolution Committee – Jeff Kent thanked Brant Wolf and the Executive Committee for their hard work. He provided an overview of the Conflict Resolution process and what types of disputes qualify for disposition by the OJUA. Currently, there are no active conflicts. He noted that there was a conflict inquiry earlier this year, but it was determined to be outside of the jurisdiction of the OJUA.

P & E Committee – Glen Williams reported that the Committee is moving forward with planning of the Spring Training which will be a virtual event. IBEW is sponsoring the “Kahoot” software for the trivia game and the Committee is reaching out to additional sponsors. The date for the training is April 26 and 27.

Inspection Correction Efficiency Committee – Jerry Donovan reported that Cory Cook, Chair of the ICE Committee, is retiring by end of year. He provided an overview of the Committee from its formation and reported that the objective has shifted to joint corrections and the priority task has been created to help serve as a template for joint inspections. The Committee has changed its schedule to meet every six months or on an as-needed basis.

Standards Committee – Jerry Donovan reported that the Committee is currently seeking a Vice Chair. The priority has been to update the Standards and Best Practices Manual. He thanked Jody Lyon for her help in that effort. Jerry added that, as reflected in the July 21 minutes, the

Committee held a serious discussion regarding the decorative painting of utility poles. Attendance and representation was good at that meeting and the clear consensus was that the OJUA does not support the practice of painting and asked for the Board support to include that position in the Manual.

**MOTION**: Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Eric Griffith to adopt the Standards Committee recommendation to oppose the painting or decorating of utility poles and that this action be reflected in the OJUA Standards and Best Practices Manual. **Motion passed.**

Mapping Subcommittee – Staff reported that the Committee was moving on with their process but there are no new updates.

### **New Business**

Brant Wolf reported that Stuart Sloan had been contacted by another state for assistance in forming its own Joint Use Association. Stuart added that he had responded to legal counsel about the benefits of such an association and offered to participate in a Zoom conference with OJUA Board members. Terry Blanc reported that he had spoken with legal counsel from Connecticut, as well, and that there was a movement by several parties to form a joint use association. Lori Koho also offered to provide information regarding the benefits of a statewide industry association.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.