

Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022 – via Zoom conferencing

President Terry Blanc called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

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

Not Present:

Brant Wolf

Guests:

Jerry Donovan, Standards Committee
Glen Williams, P & E Committee

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

President's Comments

President Blanc asked Board members and guests to introduce themselves. He then reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of December 16, 2021, Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Rosenbalm and seconded by Eric Griffeth to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, meeting as submitted. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date Financials – Treasurer Brooke Sisco reviewed the year-to-date financial reports through February.

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

Industry Updates

Update: AR 638 Rulemaking – President Terry Blanc provided a recap of the OJUA's participation in the docket to date, including comments submitted throughout the process. He noted the OPUC's eDocket webpage reflects two March 4 schedules. The first relates to adoption of the public safety power shutoff rules. The second schedule addresses the remainder of the rules, including changes to 860 Division 24 safety standards inspection-correction which is at the core of OJUA discussions. The most recent version of the rules was circulated on March 11 and contained the most recent relined Division 24 rules. Comments for those changes are due Friday, March 25. The docket should be completed by mid-July and Terry is seeking feedback from Board members.

Jeff Kent asked if there had been movement following comments from member companies. Terry replied that there had been some shift of the joint inspection requirements along with prioritization of repair timeframes. The tiered correction categories in section 18 had also been modified to include a 180-day correction time frame for high fire risk conditions. Another significant change is in Section 12 relating to foreign-owned poles whereby the electric supplier **shall** replace a pole or make a repair for actual cost, plus 25 percent if the foreign pole owner has not responded.

Eric Griffin pointed out that there had been a change in the language relating to pre-emption of local vegetation zones. Gary Lee questioned why the December 5, 2027, comprehensive inspections referenced should occur at such a late date. Board members discussed comprehensive inspection language and the overlap between “detailed inspections” and “comprehensive inspections”. Stuart Sloan agreed that the terminology should be the same.

Terry is hoping to convene the Executive Committee early in the week of March 21 to review the new redline version and identify opportunities for the OJUA to make additional comments prior to the March 25 deadline.

Gary Lee presented a request from OCTA regarding references for electric operators to create a list that will be used to identify conditions that are violations that present a fire risk. Gary would like the communication companies to work with the electric operators on that list. Terry agreed to contact consumer-owned utilities and IOUs and facilitate the discussion with communication organizations such as OCTA and perhaps a wireless organization such as CTIA. He also pledged to allow Board members the opportunity to review any additional comments.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Sam Ackley reported that the Executive Committee had been busy with AR 638 as well as the Annual Meeting (September 15 & 16 in Newport). The program will be very similar to the one planned for 2021 although some segments have been updated. Jeff Kent pointed out that WEI’s joint use conference was scheduled for the same dates. Staff noted that when the date for OJUA was set, WEI had not posted its event timeline.

Conflict Resolution Committee – No conflicts to report at this time.

P & E Committee – Glen Williams reported that the P&E Committee continues to finalize and fine tune the OJUA Spring Training event. Current registration rates are slightly ahead of where they were at this time last year. Total registration revenues are currently at \$43,000 and sponsor revenues totaling \$5,000. The Committee is meeting virtually with Dave Marne tomorrow to review the NESC trivia game. Supplemental presentations scheduled for the event include:

- “What is Joint Use and Why is it Important” by Leon Grumbo
- “Standards/Best Practices Manual Update” by Jerry Donovan
- “NJUNS Update” by Tim Webers
- “Joint Pole Transfers/Common Crew Makeready” by James Lowry, Jason Nemjo, and Chris Barley
- “Oregon PUC Safety Staff Update” by Leon Grumbo
- “Wood Pole to Ductile Pole Replacement” by Jerry Donovan
- “Joint Correction Programs” by Tom Jorgenson and Chris Barley

Inspection Correction Efficiency Committee – Jerry Donovan reported that Jennifer Butler and Tom Jorgenson have offered to co-chair the Committee.

Action Item: President Terry Blanc approved appointment of Jennifer Butler and Tom Jorgenson as Co-Chairs of the Inspection Correction Committee.

Standards Committee – Jerry Donovan reported that the Committee meetings continue to be well-attended as the group works to finalize the wireless chapter and begin the process of updating the remainder of the manual. Alex Chaney had replaced Mark Rettmann as OPUC representative on the Committee since Mark’s retirement. Robb Robison is the new Vice Chair.

Mapping Subcommittee – Laoreal reported that the committee met in February and new representatives from Hunter Communications and PGE attended. The Chair hopes to host a meeting within the next month in an effort to identify a new chair and help set the Subcommittee’s agenda for the coming year.

New Business

The Board discussed scheduling an in-person meeting for June 16. It was the consensus of the Board to host a hybrid meeting, location TBD.

Adjourn

There was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.