

Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

Northern Wasco County PUD Board Room
2345 River Road, The Dalles and Via Zoom

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

Board Members Present:

Terry Blanc, President
Sam Ackley, Vice President*
Tom McGowan, Treasurer
Pam Vaughan, Secretary*
Brant Wolf, Immediate Past President
Jeff Kent, Director*
John Latourette, Director
James Casson, Director*
Josh Crain, Director*
Eric Griffeth, Director*
Gary Lee*

Board Members Absent:

Adam Deshon

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams
Mandy Grauerholz*

Guests:

Chris Barley, P&E Committee Chair
Tom Jorgenson, ICE Committee Co-Chair*
Heide Caswell, OPUC*
Shamus Gamache, Central Lincoln PUD*
Brandon Staehely, Columbia River PUD
Jennifer Joly, OMEU*
Dustin Earls, Umatilla Electric
Jake Calvert, Columbia Basin Electric
Crissa Alexander, Tillamook PUD
Lucy Schiminesky, Tillamook PUD
Scott Schiminesky, Tillamook PUD
Casey Burton, Tillamook PUD*
Tyra Wasylenko, Columbia River PUD*
Jeff Carlson, Consumers Power Inc.
Brandon Hutchinson, LS Networks
John Emery, QLife

*via Zoom

President's Comments

President Terry Blanc announced a change in the agenda and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Special Order of Business

Board Vacancy The Board reviewed the letter of interest regarding service on the OJUA Board from John Latourette, Eugene Water and Electric Board. John reviewed his professional background.

MOTION: Moved by Brant Wolf and seconded Eric Griffeth to approve John Latourette, Eugene Water and Electric Board, to serve on the Board as the Municipal Electric Utility Representative until 2024. **Motion passed.**

Executive Committee Vacancy President Blanc announced that there was also a vacancy on the Executive Committee for an At-Large member. He invited Board members who are interested to contact OJUA leadership or staff.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of March 16, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Sam Ackley and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the March 16, 2023, Board meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date Financials Treasurer Tom McGowan reviewed the year-to-date financials.

MOTION: Moved by Brant Wolf and seconded by Sam Ackley to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee Sam Ackley encouraged Board members to consider filling the At-Large vacancy on the Committee as it presents an excellent opportunity to keep apprised of OJUA activities with minimal commitment. He also reported that the Committee's last meeting was held on May 16. At that time the Committee discussed the need for an audit and/or financial review. The Treasurer is working with staff to have that process in place by this Fall. The Committee is also busy planning the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for September 27 and 28 in Newport. The program includes industry-related business such as the PUC's 5-year check-in, state legislative activities as well as federal issues such as broadband funding.
- Publicity & Education Committee – Chris Barley reported that the Committee met earlier in the week to begin planning for next year's training event. He thanked the Board and OJUA staff for their support, which had resulted in a very successful 2023 event. Chris summarized the event evaluations included in the Board packets, noting a 62 percent return rate in evaluations. Nearly all comments were positive.
- Conflict Resolution Committee – Jeff Kent plans to meet with the Executive Committee in July to discuss modifying the scope of the Committee, along with rebranding.
- Inspection/Correction Committee/Mapping Subcommittee – Tom Jorgenson reported that, following the last meeting in May, Eric Griffeth was appointed as Co-Chair. The Committee is working on the Joint Corrections Best Practices Manual with a focus on joint correction methodology, including cost sharing equities. The types of violations to be included in joint corrections, such as pole transfers, is also a topic of discussion. The target date for completion of the Manual is mid-late 2024. The Committee is also engaged in coordination of joint inspections. The Mapping Subcommittee has been folded into the ICE Committee but there is currently only one member with expertise in that area. The goal is to have the mapping section on the OJUA website updated by end of year. The Co-Chairs are also focusing on outreach to increase participation on the Committee. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 18.
- Standards Committee – Genoa Ingram reported that the Committee is very close to completing the Standards Manual and are currently updating photos and. President Blanc acknowledged the work of Standards Chair Pete Kalnins.

Industry Updates

OPUC Update Heidi Casswell provided an update on the five-year check-in process including the creation and distribution of a short form version of the original document based on industry feedback.

New Business

Annual Meeting Sam Ackley reviewed the proposed program for the Annual Meeting, including Tom's Corner, a segment from the OPUC focusing on a detailed inspection process, and legislative impacts resulting from the 2023 legislative session. Several sessions are still in planning stages including a panel on wildfire mitigation.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.