

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee**

Meeting Minutes—May 11, 2023

Via Zoom

Chair Peter Kalnins called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present:

Peter Kalnins, Chair
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Craig Commerford, PGE
Justin Reynolds, Comcast
Zachary Kalnins, Central Lincoln PUC

Not Present:*

Mike Allen, Comcast
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.
Marlene Martin, Astound

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

**It was noted that Mike Allen (Comcast), Chad Altherr (PGE) and Jaimi Breckridge (EWEB) had resigned from the Committee due to changes in work status.)*

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Craig Commerford and seconded by Justin Reynolds, to approve the March 9, 2023, meeting notes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Progress Review: Standards Best Practices Manual Chair Kalnins noted that he was aware of the Manual being used as a resource in the field. He also noted that, due to changes in companies and work assignments, the Standards Committee had lost several members. He suggested that the group address one chapter at a time as a group. Those present agreed.

Chair Kalnins also reviewed access to the OJUA Google drive and provided the following instructions:

To access the committee's Google Drive, log into the group's Gmail. The email address is juastandards@gmail.com and the password is juapower. It will likely automatically open to your account. To switch to a different account, click on your personal account icon.

Craig Commerford reported that he had been late in adding photos of risers to Chapter 5 but he had added several this week.

Chair Kalnins signed on to the Standards Committee Google Drive and reviewed photos of anchors, noting that he had trouble finding any reference in NESC regarding spacing of anchors other than disturbance of ground. Following some discussion, committee members agreed that industry standard is five feet, as indicated by PGE contracts. Committee continued the review of photos and selected those best suited for the Manual. They also discussed colorizing certain illustrations to make them more effective.

Chair Kalnins announced that he plans to send an email based on his discussion with Jaime Breckenridge relating to guys and anchors. The focus of the Committee in the immediate future will be on Chapter 1.

Old Business

Pole Treatment Chair Kalnins asked for a volunteer to reach out to PGE, PP&L, and perhaps one other power company to ascertain their best practices or construction standards with regard to pole treatment, rather to treat holes, plug, un-treat, or drill new holes. Craig Commerford replied that he was currently working on a similar project for PGE. He offered to contact Idaho Power, as well. That will be added for a future meeting under “New Business”.

Vegetation Management Chair Kalnins noted that he could not find any reference to vegetation management in the Manual so that will be added for a future meeting under “New Business”. He added that the administrative rules were far more detailed than the NESC and he would like the Committee to discuss the topic as a group regarding referencing the Oregon administration rule. He will also make a suggestion as to where that could be placed in the Manual.

Wireless Rooftop Macro Sites It was noted that there was not a lot of new information with the exception that sign posting was requested, certain distance to be maintained, and how that might look for utility workers and the public. Likely to be reviewed again in the future as industry information is gathered.

Anchor Placement Chair Kalnins referenced the email that had been sent the language will be incorporated and sent to the Committee for review and comment.

Wildfire Mitigation Deferred for now.

New Business

Open for discussion-

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, followed by September 14, and November 9.

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.