

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Standards Committee**  
Meeting Minutes—March 9, 2023  
Via Zoom

Chair Peter Kalnins called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Present:**

Peter Kalnins, Chair  
Chad Altherr, PGE  
Jaime Breckenridge, EWEB  
Chad Beam, LS Networks  
Craig Commerford, PGE  
Zachary Kalnins, Central Lincoln PUC  
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp  
Justin Reynolds, Comcast

**Not Present:**

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

**Staff:**

Genoa Ingram

**Approval of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jaime Breckenridge and seconded by Craig Commerford, to approve the January 26, 2023, meeting as corrected to reflect that Craig Commerford and Cody Mabee were both present. **Motion passed.**

**Progress Review: Standards Best Practices Manual** The Committee reviewed the Best Practices Manual and approved the following updates:

- Page 85: Remove highlights, change red letters to black, remove “Rules” and “Rule ####”
- Page 111: Insert pages 116-121 (instead of 89-92)
- Page 111: Insert pages 122-1126 (instead of 95-97)
- Select photos for each chapter (as assigned to committee members) by April 14; full committee will review at the next meeting on May 11)
- Page 2: Draft language regarding anchors
- Change Google Drive to rename chapter headings to reference chapter names (Wireless, etc.)

Staff was asked to make the changes and re-post the Manual with the current photos and illustrations. Chair will send out a list of chapter assignments. The following list was subsequently forwarded to the Committee:

Chapter 1 Anchors- Pete Kalnins  
Chapter 2 Bonding- Chris Barley / Alex Chaney  
Chapter 3 Framing- Chad Altherr  
Chapter 4 Poles- Justin Reynolds  
Chapter 5 Risers- Craig Commerford/ Chad Beam  
Chapter 6 Tension & Sags- Marlene Martin / Mike Allen  
Chapter 7 Support Arms- Zachary Kalnins  
Chapter 8 Equipment pictorial- Jamie Breckenridge/ Cody Mabee  
Chapter 9 Wireless- Recently completed in color  
Chapter 10 – Wildfire Mitigation (hold off for now as per OJUA Executive Committee)

## **Old Business**

*Pole Treatment* Chair Kalnins noted that, in response to PGE, he had reviewed his company's best practices and did not identify policies related to pole treatment. The question had related to whether to treat or fill holes. Currently, there is no standard policy. Jaime Breckenridge reported that EWEB has traditionally plugged holes.

*Vegetation Management* Chair Kalnins recalled that the OARs offered more specific guidance than the NESC so the Committee had opted to reference the rules. His company's best practices did not address the issue and he suggested addressing it in the Manual. Jaime recalled that vegetation management had been discussed with regard to wildfire mitigation. Chair Kalnins agreed and stated that there are a number of rule changes, and companies are aligning their processes to the OARs. In lieu of suggesting a standard at this time, the OJUA Executive Committee had suggested holding off on the Wildfire Mitigation chapter.

## **New Business**

### *Construction Best Practices*

- *Anchor Placement* Chair Kalnins referenced the documents forwarded by Tom McGowan as it relates to placement of anchors prior to strand placements. Without an anchor, violations are more likely to occur. Jaime Breckenridge offered to draft language for the Manual.
- *Wireless Rooftop Macro Sites* Jaime Breckenridge reported that she had been approached about placement of signage on power poles within 30 feet due to the addition of more macro sites. The question was whether to place the signs in the supply space at the top of pole near supply space. Craig Commerford replied that PGE was examining the same issue. Zachary Kalnins asked about the shut-off provision.

*Wildfire Mitigation* Chair Kalnins noted that the Executive Committee had counselled the Committee to hold off on the Wildfire Mitigation chapter since rules are regulations are changing. Jaimi suggested including the narrative since there is value in having an overview.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11. Future meetings are scheduled for July 13, September 14, and November 9.

## **Adjournment**

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.