

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Standards Committee**  
Meeting Minutes—September 21, 2022

Chair Robb Robison called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Call In:**

Robb Robison, Chair  
Alex Chaney, OPUC  
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial  
Jaime Breckenridge, EWEB  
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.  
Marlene Martin, Astound  
Mike Allen, Comcast  
Chad Altherr, PGE  
Zachary Kalnins, Central Lincoln PUD

**Staff:**

Genoa Ingram

**Chair's Comments** Chair Robison asked for feedback on the previous week's OJUA Annual Meeting. Members commented on the information received from the Fire Mitigation panel. They also appreciated being able to meet in person.

**Approval of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 13, 2022, minutes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Chris Barley and seconded by Marlene Martin to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Progress Review: Standards Best Practices Manual**

Chair Robison remarked that the previous meeting had focused on Chapters 9 and 10. He has not yet reviewed Chapter 10.

- **Chapter 9: Wireless Chapter** Chair Robison asked if there were any additional components to be added to Chapter 9 or any comments. There were no further comments, and Chair Robison commented that this might be an indication it appears to be nearing completion but is still a work in progress. Staff confirmed that no additional documents had been submitted but that committee members had volunteered to spearhead various chapters. Jaime Breckenridge had offered to coordinate chapter 8.
- **Chapter 10: Wildfire Mitigation Chapter:** Chair Robison noted that Chris Barley and Mike Allen had asked to be assigned to chapter 10. Mike reported that he, Chris, and Justin Reynolds of Comcast had met to work on the chapter. No new documents have been uploaded recently but Chris has compiled information and Mike has taken some photographs.

Chair Robison reported that he had been approached at the Annual Meeting regarding the use of iron poles. He shared a document generated by former Chair Jerry Donovan of PGE titled "Ductile Iron Poles – An Alternative to Wood Poles". He suggested that the document contained excellent information to responding to similar inquiries. He asked if committee members were currently using alternatives to wood poles. Zack responded that

the PUD isn't looking at ductile poles but looking at alternative connectors in high risk areas. Chad Altherr reported that PGE is actively installing ductile poles in high risk fire areas as poles are replaced. It was noted that lag screws cannot be used on ductile poles. Chad noted that he had been assigned to the wireless chapter, but offered to assist with chapter 10, as well.

Chair Robison offered to review both chapters 9 and 10 prior to next meeting.

**Progress Review: Grandfathering Matrix** Chair Robison noted that the Matrix is a living document, representing a challenge to keep the information captured on one double-sided page. He reminded the Committee that Peter Kalnins had previously provided a version updated on June 29, 2019, which included an update for streetlights. This is the most current version to date and has been formatted to be contained to one two-sided page.

Staff was able to confirm that the June 29 document is the most current and the link is: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9Tm8YoR2Ms44qiku8cu\\_YJfWsDgdYGs?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9Tm8YoR2Ms44qiku8cu_YJfWsDgdYGs?usp=sharing)  
The committee reviewed the June 29 version and verified that the streetlight component was included. Members agreed that there did not appear to be any additional changes needed at this time.

**MOTION:** Moved by Marlene Martin and seconded by Mike Allen to redate the June 29, 2019 version of the Matrix to September 21, 2022 and post that version on the OJUA website. **Motion passed.**

**NESC 239G** Chair Robison recalled that Jaime and Alex had been involved in the NESC 239G discussion. Alex noted that there was a gray area in the code and the PUC is looking for consensus, although there is no deadline for comment.

### **Action Items**

- Chair Robison asked members to seek input from their member companies and provide feedback. The issue was deferred.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The next scheduled Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m.