

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2025

Mt. Hood Resort – Welches, Oregon

Vice President Terry Blanc called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present:

Sam Ackley, Hunter Communications, President
Terry Blanc, PGE, Immediate Past President
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric, Director
Carson Horton, Clatskanie PUD, Secretary*
Eric Griffeth, Lumen, Director at Large
Gary Lee, Comcast, Director at Large
Josh Crain, City of Portland, Treasurer
Samantha Ridderbusch, Comcast, Director*

Guests:

Tom Jorgenson, ICE Committee Co-Chair*
Chris Barley, P & E Committee Chair
Heide Caswell, OPUC
Cody Maybee, PacifiCorp
Dustin Bohlman, Member Services
Committee Chair, Charter
Communications

Board Members Absent:

Jason Berning, Canby Utility, Director
Brian Richardson, Pioneer Connect, Director
Lisa Walker, PacificCorp, Director

Staff:

Laureal Williams

**attended via Zoom*

Special Order of Business – Cable Representative Appointment

Vice President Blanc invited Samatha Ridderbusch to provide any additional information regarding her background and interest in the OJUA.

MOTION: Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Eric Griffeth to approve the appointment of Samantha Ridderbusch, Comcast, to fill out the cable representative term ending in 2027.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of June 5, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Adam Deshon and seconded by Eric Griffeth to approve the June 5, 2025, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

President's Comments President Sam Ackley thanked the Board for their time, attendance and commitment and emphasized the importance of collaborating on joint use issues.

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date Financials Josh Crain reviewed the year-to-date financial statements and bank statements through August 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Eric Griffeth and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Terry Blanc provided an overview of the Annual Meeting including logistics, and the meeting agenda. He noted that the Open Forum, moderated by Sam Ackley and Tom Jorgenson, would focus on hot topics and would be offered at the beginning of day 1 and a second time at the conclusion of

day 2. Proposed locations for the 2026 Annual Meeting include Newport, Hood River and Portland; however, additional suggestions are welcome.

Inspection/Correction Committee/Mapping Subcommittee Tom Jorgenson reported that the Committee had completed the Joint Corrections Manual and had turned it over to staff for final edits. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, followed by November 4. There are some additional agenda items to cover in addition to the Manual and the Committee will examine future endeavors. Tom noted that achieving a quorum continues to be a challenge, although there is a sufficient number of committee meetings. There have been no GIS requests at this time and only one shape file request. Gary Lee asked Tom to identify the “end game” for the Committee. Tom replied that additional tasks were anticipated. It was noted that the ten-year inspection cycle was coming up. Board members agreed that there were plenty of additional tasks for the ICE Committee in the future.

Member Services and Resolution Committee Dustin Bohlman, reviewed the *Checklists for Communication Line Construction* tri-fold and noted that they would like to see another PUD member on the Committee. Staff offered to place the tri-fold on the OJUA website. With regard to the conflict resolution portion of the committee, it was noted that many of the disputes are outside of the Committee’s purview, but it is important to take a look at them.

Publicity & Education Committee Chris Barley reported that there are 13 members on the Committee and it is very active. Planning the Spring Training is fairly labor intensive and attendance continues to be high. He discussed the various venues and what they have to offer and that the OJUA will be returning to the Holiday Inn in 2026. Supplemental presentations have been finalized. In response to a question, Chris responded that no additional resources were needed.

Standards Committee Adam Deshon reported that he had offered to chair a subcommittee relating to exploring an “Emerging Technologies” chapter of the Standards Manual. The chapter would include EV charging stations, among other things. The Committee had also updated the Standards Tri-fold and there had been a request for a code interpretation request relating to the comm worker safety zone. The Committee had agreed to seek clarification from IEEE on the 40-inch clearance requirement for antennas, with Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD, volunteering to draft the request. The Committee was also discussing locators for underground fiber. Sam Ackley reported that he had sat in on one of the meetings and found the discussions very vibrant and informative.

Industry Updates

OPUC Update – Heide Caswell reported that the PUC was responding to feedback on data collection and audit processes, explaining efforts to streamline and improve the accuracy of information gathering, including photographic verification and desk audits. Heide highlighted the importance of consistent requests and timely communication. Board members discussed with Heide the theft of copper wiring, with individual companies relating their experiences related to such thefts.

Other Issues – Sam Ackley recapped the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) awards throughout Oregon. It is currently being vetted through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Staffing Changes – Staff reported that Mandy Grauerholz had accepted a position with another firm and would no longer be part of the staffing team. However, the Annual Meeting registrations were high, with some potential attendees being turned away

New Business

Board Elections Sam Ackley reported that there were a number of positions up for election. Terms are for three years. A small municipal representative is still needed. Ballots were distributed to the Board and members were asked to return them by noon on Thursday.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.