

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Minutes—July 10, 2025

Via Zoom and in-person

Chair Pete Kalnins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present:

Chair Kalnins, Co-Chair
Chad Altherr, PGE
Jeff Carlson, CPI
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Joshua Lightner, Central Lincoln PUD
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp (calling in as 6058)
Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD
Robb Robison, OPUC

Not Present/Excused:

Craig Commerford, PGE, Co-Chair
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Jerry Pomeroy, Ziply
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 8, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Adam Deshon and seconded by Cody Mabee to approved the May 8, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Work Group Discussion: Chapter 11 – Emerging Technologies: Adam Deshon offered that the electric charging pole language could be incorporated as written, but the technology itself may not be ready since it is ongoing and subject to change. Perhaps a disclaimer to that effect, along with feedback from other utilities, would help with that clarification. Robb Robison suggested that a small work group to focus on the Emerging Technologies Chapter might be productive use of time. We like the two pages of the visuals but more feedback is needed, perhaps through the use of the subcommittee. Adam Deshon offered to be the lead on the Subcommittee, assisted by Chad Altherr, Cody Mabee and Sarah Monroe.

With regard to drones, Committee members reported that drones were being used for tree trimming, pole sounding, and inspections. Most companies that use drones, use them in conjunction with “boots on the ground” as opposed to a stand-alone component. Cody Mabee asked if anyone had used drones for conducting comparisons; no one has. Co-Chair Kalnins said he felt the Committee is still in the information gathering stages for the drone piece. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

Communication Worker Safety Zone (Antenna Attached to Street Light Mast): Chair Kalnins discussed communication worker zones and antennas. Adam offered Rule 238F2a, Rule 239 (G)(1) refers to guarding. He offered to provide a visual at the next meeting, referencing the corresponding rules.

Service Fiber Storage Loop Clarification: The group discussed the 5-foot rule for temporary fiber storage, with Robb explaining it was intended to prevent hazards when accessing equipment near poles. They agreed to revise Figure 10.3 to show proper compliance with 4-inch minimum span clearance. The discussion covered various installation practices, including storing fiber at the house rather than near poles, with Chad Altherr sharing examples from recent PGE projects in Waldport where they had to correct improper installations. The group also discussed challenges with contractor training and compliance, noting that many new contractors lack proper knowledge of best practices, leading to inconsistent installations across different regions.

OJUA Presentation at Annual Meeting (PUI Arms): Adam Deshon reported on the progress of planning the presentation, including contact made with a representative from PUI. The presentation is scheduled for October 2nd from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This item to be included on the September 11 agenda.

New Business

Photo Review: The group reviewed some unusual photos of pole installations, including one with potentially unsafe down-guying practices, which led to immediate corrective action.

Length of Meetings: Staff agreed to update future meeting calendar invitations to reflect the extended duration of future meetings. Previous meetings may be altered to fit actual time spent.

Recap of Action Items

- Adam: Lead the subcommittee on EV charging station standards and coordinate meetings with other members
- Adam: Reach out to ORECA and Tucker Bony to gather feedback from other utilities about their experiences with EV charging stations
- Adam & Wayne: Prepare presentation on PUI arms for the annual meeting scheduled for October 2nd from 3:15 to 4:30 PM
- Adam: Coordinate with manufacturer representative for potential participation in the annual meeting presentation
- Adam: Send draft presentation to committee members before September 11th meeting for review
- Pete: Create visual aids for communication worker safety zone rules, including diagrams showing different scenarios for plugin locations and extension cord configurations
- Pete: Update Figure 10.3 in the standards manual to show proper compliance with 4-inch minimum span clearance
- Jeff: Discuss EV charging station standards with engineering department and provide feedback
- Sarah: Share Central Electric's ground-mounted charging station designs with the subcommittee
- Adam: Share Salem Electric's car charger design and specifications for apartment complexes with the subcommittee
- Cody: Gather information about Pacific Power's EV charging station implementations and specifications

- Committee: Continue information gathering on drone technology for emerging technology chapter
- Committee: Review wireless chapter layout for potential use in new Chapter 11 on Emerging Technologies
- Staff: Remove Justin Reynolds from the distribution list and update Outlook address book

Future Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates are as follows:

- September 11
- November 13

The Committee meeting will continue to begin at 9:00 a.m. but will allocate three hours in the event more time is needed.

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.