

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## ORCAS POWER & LIGHT COOPERATIVE

Thursday, December 19, 2013

President Chris Thomerson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Eastsound OPALCO office. Directors Winnie Adams, Glenna Hall and Jim Lett were present. Vince Dauciunas and Bob Myhr were absent. Also present were General Manager Randy Cornelius, Assistant General Manager Foster Hildreth, Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry and Executive Assistant Bev Madan, serving as recording secretary.

### Member/Guests

Deer Harbor members Kevan Rayne, Jerry Noesen, Bonnie Ward, Sheldon Gregory, and Bern Shanks appealed to the Board to move forward with the Broadband Initiative.

Howard Barbour attended as acting spokesperson for an ad-hoc group assembled to address the broadband and cell phone situation in Deer Harbor.

Mariah Armenia represented Four Winds Camp, relaying the problems they have had with Broadband.

Anne Marie Shank, president of the Deer Harbor Community Club, reiterated their support as they had outlined in a letter sent to the Board at the beginning of the Broadband Initiative. They are interested in forming a three-way partnership with OPALCO and an ISP and stated they are "organized and ready".

Dave Dilling represented the Spring Point Home Owners Association and stated they are eager to see the Broadband Initiative go forward.

Lopez member Steve Ludwig presented two petitions for bylaw revisions.

Other members in attendance were Dwight Lewis, Gray Cope and Sandy Bishop who individually requested more transparency from the Board.

### November Minutes

After discussion, the Board determined that statements made by individual directors should not be included in the minutes unless discussed at the time the statement(s) is made.

**Motion** made by Lett and seconded to approve the November minutes as amended. Motion carried.

### New Members

**Motion** made by Adams and seconded to approve the new members as listed. Motion carried.

#### Center

Dugas, Sean & Brian

#### Lopez

Ellings, Tyson  
Fleming, Barbara J  
Fromm, Mollie  
Hendrix, Levanne R  
Lewis, Paul R  
Manning, Ann & Lishner, Daniel  
Mariotti, Nancy T  
Mc Callum, Gale  
Sausman, Jake & Keri  
Sheridan, Ed & Diana Brown

#### Orcas

Aley, Adam  
Augenstein, Shandra & Rick  
Bell, Courtney  
Clark-Mahoney, Kelty

Eberle, Charles James & Asia Soloian  
Ferraris, Theodora & Hayworth, Sidney  
Hausauer, Daniel & Danyel  
Leyba, Martin & Susan  
McTavish, Doug & Thelma  
Miller, Steven W & Mary A  
Morby, Zachary Monroe  
Rorabaugh, James

#### San Juan

Altena, Bridgette  
Borahan, Shelley  
Cardinale, Frank & Mareille  
Cook, Jeff  
Dahl, Kurt  
DeLorenzi, Michele  
DiGiovanni, Anne  
Earnhart, Laura  
Evans, William L  
Griffin, Deborah A

Grove, Lara  
Guard, Coral  
Gustafson, Jennifer  
Hutchison, Dustin  
Kunz, James F & Jean M  
Mathiesen, J Craig & Caryol  
Minich, Arthur P & Patricia A  
Nunez, Mario  
Radcliffe, William & Donna  
Reese, Zachary S

ReMax Whatcom County, Inc  
Roberts, Peter & Pamela  
San Juan Transiit  
Sicilia, Frank & Awada, Leila  
Stanford Sr, Dave A  
The Studio  
Thomas, Troy H  
Westcott Bay Shellfish LLC  
Wisen, Laura  
Wuthnow Family LLC

## Capital Credits

**Motion made by Hall and seconded** to approve \$1,869.09 in payment of capital credits to the estates of deceased members listed below; the motion carried.

Joyce Ellen Graff .....	\$1,060.19
Richard B. Halvorson .....	\$ 123.80
Egil P. Haukeberg .....	\$ 685.10

## Committee on Nominations

The Board will appoint a Committee on Nominations no later than January 3, 2014 which is 120 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by the bylaws.

## NRECA Voting Delegate

NRECA's 2014 annual business meeting will be held March 3-5 in Nashville.

**Motion made by Hall and seconded** to name Foster Hildreth the voting delegate and Chris Thomerson the alternate for the NRECA 2014 annual business meeting. Motion carried.

## RUS 219

**Motion made by Adams and seconded** to approve submittal of RUS 219s representing work completed during October in the amount of \$180,815.77. Motion carried.

## Lopez Sound Easement Relinquishment

Easement AFJN64795 was granted in 1966 to cover any power lines within the easement description. In 1974 the overhead section extending throughout the properties was replaced with underground; easements AFN 85271 and 84945 were granted to OPALCO for the installation of these underground lines. Due to repeated outages, OPALCO replaced the cable in a new location with new easements. The older easements have no value nor any ascertainable future value to OPALCO.

**Motion made by Lett and seconded** to relinquish all rights to easements AFN 64795, 85271 and 84945. Motion carried.

## Policy 7 Employee Expense Reimbursements

### Policy 16 Directors' Stipend, Reimbursements and Benefits

Policies 7 and 16 were reviewed at the November Board meeting with no suggested edits.

**Motion made by Hall and seconded** to approve the amendments to Policy 7 and Policy 16. Motion carried.

## Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA)

Jay Kimball presented preliminary findings of the Conservation Potential Assessment by EES Consulting.

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Nonprofits Roundtable Discussion

Jay Kimball reported on the roundtable discussion held at the Orcas Hotel December 17 with nonprofits from throughout the county. The goal was to get the nonprofits to collaborate on conservation measures throughout the county. The meeting resulted in the attendees self-organizing and scheduling another meeting for early January.

## **Reports**

**Cash Recap** – Hildreth reported a projected total fund ending balance of \$3,559,082 for December 31, 2013.

**Total Fund Balances** – Hildreth reported that the graph of the cash recap showed the RUS loan draws taken in 2013 (June \$1.5M, August \$1M and November \$700k) were in line with the 2013 budget.

**Outages** – The standard report showed a total of 14 outages for November with 133 in 2013. Most were due to underground cable failure.


**Safety** – Lett shared excerpts from the Federated Newsletter *Open Lines*. Safety as a culture was discussed, with the Board reiterating that they support whatever it takes to instill a "culture of safety" at OPALCO. Cornelius reported that WRECA is looking into having a RESAP (Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program) statewide.

**Manager's Report** – Cornelius reviewed some of the topics that will be before the legislature during the 2014 session, including Cap and Trade legislation on carbon emissions, I-937, feed-in tariffs, stronger net metering laws and others.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

  
Chris Thomerson, President

  
Jim Lett, Secretary-Treasurer