

**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 19, 2018**

President Vince Dauciusas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Lopez Fire Hall. Board members present were Winnie Adams, Randy Cornelius, Jim Lett, Brian Silverstein and Jerry Whitfield. Mark Madsen attended via video. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance and Member Services Nancy Loomis, Head Accountant Travis Neal and Executive Assistant Bev Madan (serving as recording secretary).

President Dauciusas read the following statements to those present: *"Members attending the board meeting acknowledge that they may be recorded, and the recording posted to OPALCO's website. Members are expected to conduct themselves with civility & decorum, consistent with Member Services Policy 17. If you would like answers to specific questions, please fill out the Q&A card for post meeting follow-up."*

Welcome

Jim Lett was presented with a large plaque honoring his service to the OPALCO membership. Peter Garlock was welcomed to the Board, replace Lett in District 3; his appointment begins immediately following the meeting.

Members in attendance included Dwight Lewis, Bill Severson and Bruce Nyden.

Consent Agenda

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, including December 21 minutes, new members (listed below), capital credit payments totaling \$20,802.79 and RUS 219s totaling \$593,553.01. Motion carried by voice vote.

New members:

District 1 (San Juan, Pearl, Henry, Brown, Spieden)

Bogan, J. Michael
Brockway, Donna
Canton, Patricia & Riva
Catlin, Michael
Dolsen, Bill
Evans, Quinton
Federici, Tray
Gascoine, Susanna
Graham, Samantha
Hedin, Belinda
Island Gymnastics
Island Home Finishes
Klassen, Patricia
Linzee, Dorothy & John
Little, Ingrid
Lorentz, Shirley
Matthews, Mark
McFeron, Diane & Douglas
Morgan, Joel & Jamie
Squire, Benjamin
Warbass 350 LLC
Wiese, Margaret

District 2 (Orcas, Armitage, Blakely, Obstruction, Big Double, Little Double, Fawn)

Clark, Esther
Cleveland, Michael
Fackrell, Kimberly & Gaugush, Ken
Guilford, Israel
Honke, Michael & Scialabba, Tina
Lain, Kimberly & McKenzie, Duffy
Leidecker, Tyler & Robin
Manly, Lorraine
Maruska, Brittney & Portis, Eric
Mason, Kimberlie & Meyer, Robert
Mix, Alan
Mossman, Crystal
Reyes, Linnea
Robertson-Cantara LLC
Steen, Amanda & Christopher
Weidner-Reinhardt, Alexandra & Schneider, Ilias

District 3 (Lopez, Decatur, Center, Charles)

Elings, Jonathan
Madsen, Dana C
Stamats, Peter & Allen, Karen

Capital Credit Payments:

<u>Decedent #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Decedent #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2170	\$2,141.31	51183	\$1,349.38
2260	\$ 966.65	60093	\$ 614.14
3896	\$2,475.86	60904	\$1,871.46
14897	\$1,898.42	62400	\$ 416.92
21070	\$ 967.95	62854	\$ 422.48
30682	\$1,060.50	63819	\$ 834.36
32950	\$ 391.76	66794	\$ 369.47
35170	\$ 307.25	67055	\$ 740.14
51176	\$1,404.20	69965	\$2,570.54

OPALCO Policy 11 Director's Stipend (2nd Read)

The Elections and Governance Committee (EGC) thoroughly reviewed the policy regarding the director's stipend and introduced their recommendations at the December board meeting. Revisions to the policy include an increase of \$50 per meeting for each director, with an additional \$50 per meeting for the Board president and an increase of \$25 per day for conferences, trainings or other meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative, including travel days.

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the revisions to OPALCO Policy 11 *Director's Stipend, Reimbursement and Benefits*. Motion carried by voice vote.

Member Services Policy 11 Capital Credits (2nd Read)

The Board reviewed the draft edits to Member Service Policy 11 at the December meeting. The edits were suggested to memorialize the approach of "smoothing" general retirement of capital credits and clarified the language in order to give additional smoothing guidance during the budgeting process.

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the revisions to Member Services Policy 11 *Capital Credits*. Motion carried by voice vote.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Economic Analysis

OPALCO received a \$1M matching grant from the WA State Department of Commerce to place a battery energy storage system at the Decatur substation. Bob Kirchmeier of the Washington State Energy Office gave an overview of the Clean Energy Fund (CEF) grant program including projects currently underway and future grant opportunities through CEF III. Patrick Balducci, Chief Economist for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), presented the results of the battery use-case economic analysis.

Schedule Road Map 2018

Hildreth presented the items to be reviewed by the Board during 2018.

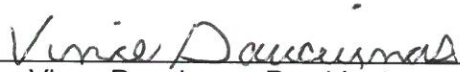
Reports:

General Manager: Hildreth reviewed the report, noting that the annual meeting will be held aboard the inter-island ferry April 21. The EGC is collecting applications for board candidates from District 2; it was announced that Adams will not run for re-election.

Staff will have a "field day" each month, with the first occurring Friday, January 26. Offices will close at noon so that all staff may participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am. After an executive session, those present reconvened at Otis Perkins Park for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the submarine cable.


Vince Dauciunas, President


Winnie Adams, Secretary-Treasurer