

**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

President Vince Dauciunas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Friday Harbor OPALCO office. Board members present were Winnie Adams, Randy Cornelius, Peter Garlock, Mark Madsen and Brian Silverstein. Jerry Whitfield 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, Assistant Manager of Member Services and Energy Savings Jon Blomgren and Executive Assistant Bev Madan (serving as recording secretary).

President Dauciunas 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**

Board and staff gave introductions to those present. Special guest Steve Collier of Milsoft Utility Solutions was welcomed.

Members in attendance included Dwight Lewis, Bill Severson, Doug Rowen, Jeff Struthers and Rick Christmas.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, including January 19, 2018 minutes, new members (listed below), capital credit payments totaling \$15,557.04 and RUS 219s totaling \$14,622,650.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New members:**

**District 1** (San Juan, Pearl, Henry, Brown, Spieden)  
Barnes, Stephanie  
Boyd, Bela  
Browne, Claudia  
Caruso, Alison  
Flach, Brian  
Friday Harbor Trading Post  
Geist, Nancy  
Hakala, Julie  
Hatch, Randall  
Haws, Chase  
Hermosa Hospitality Group  
Lill, Greg  
Luminous Woman Academy  
Massoud, Laura  
Peace Island Herbals  
San Juan Title LLC  
Solis, Sandra  
Strom, Kevin  
Videen, Jacob  
Weiss, Gary & Mary

**District 2** (Orcas, Armitage, Blakely, Obstruction, Big Double, Little Double, Fawn)  
Armas, Andrew  
Lafratte, Anthony & Deborah  
Leone, C C  
Martin, May  
Nelson, Jennifer  
Otten, Tyler & Heidi L  
Shawgo, Karen  
Steele, Ramona  
Walker, Leslie  
Weigel Broadcasting Co  
Wright, Matthew

**District 3** (Lopez, Decatur, Center, Charles)  
Baibak, Kathryn  
Phil, Larry & Michell

**District 4** (Shaw, Crane, Canoe, Bell)  
Allor, Jason & Johansen, Erika  
Neilson, Daniel  
Weese-Young, Julie & Burkhardt, Philip

**Capital Credit Payments:**

<u>Decedent #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Decedent #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5027	\$ 150.84	66862	\$ 52.87
25461	\$ 391.65	66896	\$ 306.03
27100	\$ 665.95	67653	\$1,299.82
33100	\$7,216.91	67998	\$ 659.32
60335	\$ 820.06	90945	\$ 77.80
66114	\$2,107.64	16840	\$ 269.25
66222	\$1,538.90		

**2018 VOTING DELEGATES**

Organizations request voting delegates and alternates throughout the year for membership meetings. The Board tabled this for future discussion and requested that NRECA Board Credential Training Classes are added to the list.

**COMMUNITY SOLAR: MEMBER SERVICES POLICY 18**

Member Services Policy 18 was developed in association with OPALCO's first community solar project on Decatur, expected to be completed in June 2018. The policy was introduced to the Board along with Community Solar Guidelines and Project Specifications for Decatur. After discussion the Board requested that staff limit this policy to OPALCO community solar projects only. This is the first read of the policy.

**RATES REVIEW: LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLAN**

Staff presented a high-level review of industry trends for the purposes of long range capital planning. These trends include automation of the grid, microgrid operations, greater incorporation of local resources, and the merging of the electric and communication grids. This long-range planning effort was to inform the rate discussions such that the rates developed can provide for today while having flexibility for tomorrow.

Steve Collier of Milsoft Utility Solutions presented a presentation that gives a perspective on the future of the grid as it merges with the Internet of Things.

**Bylaw Revision Article III Section 2 Staggered Board Terms**

In November 2016 the Member Election Committee recommended that the Board adopt staggering terms in order to increase member participation throughout the county for each annual election. Staff recommended the following methodology to implement staggered terms:

Election Year	Election District			
	1 – San Juan	2 - Orcas	3 - Lopez	4 - Shaw
2019			3A (3 Year) 3B (2 Year)	4 (3 Year)
2020	1A (3 Year) 1B (2 Year)			
2021*		2A (3 Year) 2B (2 Year)	3B (3 Year)	
2022	1B (3 Year)		3A (3 Year)	4 (3 Year)
2023	1A (3 Year)	2B (3 Year)		
2024		2A (3 Year)	3B (3 Year)	
2025 - repeat	1B (3 Year)		3A (3 Year)	4 (3 Year)

- **Motion** to accept the Member Election Committee's recommendation to stagger the Board terms was made and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **Motion** to begin the staggered terms in 2018 was made and seconded. Motion failed 3:4.
- **Motion** to implement staggered terms in 2019 as presented was made and seconded. Motion carried 4:3 by a show of hands.

Staff will bring back suggested bylaw language at the March 2018 Board meeting.

**REPORTS**

**General Manager:** Hildreth reviewed the report, giving specifics on the recent outages.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am. 12:05 p.m.

  
Vince Dauciunas, President

  
Winnie Adams, Secretary-Treasurer