

Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020

President Vince Dauciusas called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Friday Harbor OPALCO Conference Room. Board members present were Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Peter Garlock, Jeff Struthers and Jerry Whitfield. Board member Rick Christmas attended via Zoom. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance and Member Services Nancy Loomis, Manager of Information Services, Megan Heinz, Public Relations Administrator Suzanne Olson and Executive Assistant Kelly Koral (serving as recording secretary). Consultant Jay Kimball and Legal Counsel Joel Paiser were also in attendance.

Members in attendance were Bill Severson, Heather Nicholson, Brad Buchanan, Valerie Yates, Kurt Fuller and Bruce Nyden.

MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Severson spoke about Transition San Juan and encouraged as much citizen participation as possible.

Brad Buchanan and Kurt Fuller gave an update on the Lopez School electric school bus project. First bus set for delivery January 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, including January 23, 2020 minutes, new members as listed with the Board materials, capital credit payments totaling \$24,370.15 and RUS 219s totaling \$727,779.52. Motion carried by voice vote.

ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS UPDATE

Hildreth gave an update of the electrification of school busses in San Juan County. Currently both Lopez and Orcas schools have received grants.

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve up to \$100,000 for assisting the schools with the electric school bus projects. Passed by voice vote.

RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM (RESP)

Hildreth gave an update to the RESP approval for funding Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) combined with an energy efficiency measure. Discussion included the updates to program documentation (including tariff), Rock Island as the sole installer and the continuation of use of OPALCO's existing On-Bill financing system. This applies to RESP 1.0 (\$5.8M) and RESP 2.0 (\$15M).

- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the on-billing financing program for the addition of FTTP to the list of approved measures as discussed. Approved by voice vote.

RESOURCE INADEQUACY

Discussion was held and a slide show presented representing the upcoming resource inadequacies in our region.

REPORTS

General Manager

Hildreth presented the General Manager's report.

RIC Snapshot

The Board reviewed the monthly snapshot.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Vince Dauciusas

Vince Dauciusas, President

Brian Silverstein

Brian Silverstein, Secretary-Treasurer