



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Streaming through Zoom attendees were: President Vince Dauciunas, Board members Rick Christmas, Jerry Whitfield, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Peter Garlock and Jeff Struthers. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance and Member Services Nancy Loomis; Public Relations Administrator Suzanne Olson; Communications Specialist Krista Bouchey; and Executive Assistant Kelly Koral (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and consultant Jay Kimball.

Facebook Live session commenced at 8:30 a.m.

Suzanne Olson greeted the Facebook Live attendees and invited anyone with questions to please post online.

A member asked if OPALCO still had programs for energy assistance. The General Manager answered yes, in fact on today's agenda there is a request for the Board to approve an additional \$25,000.

Facebook Live session ended at 8:55 a.m., entered regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda

- **MOTION** was made to accept the consent agenda, seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Fuel Switching Rebates

GM reviewed the request for the Board to approve using dollars from administrative fees from BPA to self-funding rebates. Staff proposes moving \$27,500 from the EV budget to the rebate category.

- **MOTION** was made to approve funding the rebate account. Seconded and approved by voice vote.

Regional Public Power Outreach

GM introduced Ashley Slater, VP of Government Affairs and Policy for PNGC. Discussion ensued about the politics of regional power supply, the importance of communicating a unified public power message to state and federal elected officials and of growing strategic partnerships to influence the course of decision making in the region. The outline of a communication plan for regional public power outreach was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed to advance the discussion about a new organized market in the region to protect and ensure access to a clean, firm and affordable power supply.

Member Outreach: Vision Campaign

Suzanne Olson, Public Relations Administrator, presented a comprehensive plan for member outreach in 2021 and discussion ensued. The communication plan includes strategies and activities for communicating OPALCO's vision for future of its power supply and laying out the hard truths about energy in the Pacific Northwest. A top goal is to prepare members for the fast pace of change happening now in the region under CETA and climate impacts. The plan includes a major grassroots member engagement campaign, The Island Way. The board agreed that broad member engagement is essential for building local resilience and developing a healthy and affordable power supply, which will depend heavily on member participation and investment.

Covid-19 Update

GM reviewed the current charts and statistics of the effects of COVID-19 on the co-op.

GM Report

GM reviewed the General Manager's report.

Proposed 2021 meeting dates were approved:

- January 21 OPALCO
- February 18 OPALCO
- March 18 OPALCO/RIC
- April 24 OPALCO Annual/Business Meeting
- May 20 OPALCO/RIC



- June 17 OPALCO
- July NO MEETING
- August 19 OPALCO/RIC
- September 16 OPALCO
- October 21 OPALCO
- November 17 RIC Budget
- November 18 OPALCO Budget
- December 16 OPALCO

Executive Session 12:04 p.m.

Back in regular session 1:02 p.m.

- **MOTION** Mark Madsen made a motion for Staff to submit the form 990 as amended. Seconded and approve by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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