



**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 2021**

Streaming through Zoom attendees were: President Vince Dauciunas, Board members Rick Christmas, Jerry Whitfield, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman 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; Head Accountant Travis Neal, and Executive Assistant Kelly Koral (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and consultant Jay Kimball.

Member comment session commenced at 8:30 a.m.

Members in attendance: Tom Owens Tim & Holly Kent  
Guests: Mike Searcy

Regular Session – 8:30 a.m.

Krista welcomed all to the meeting. Asking guests to type in any questions to the chat feature during the member comment period now. Reviewed today’s agenda. Solar townhall Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Register to attend. Raffle drawing October 1<sup>st</sup> on FB Live. Electric vehicle road trip Oct 6 – 11. Now hiring for linemen apprentices for San Juan and Orcas. Also looking for volunteers for the EGC.

President Vince Dauciunas opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. There are a few time constraints so there may be a need to amend the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** was made to accept the consent agenda by Madsen. Seconded by Silverstein. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Staff proposed holding the 2022 Annual Meeting at the San Juan County Fairgrounds. If, due to COVID-19, we are unable to hold any type of in-person event it will be held virtually. Also proposed – Joel Paisner be approved as Parliamentarian.

**MOTION** was made to hold the annual meeting at the county fairgrounds and approve Joel Paisner to act as parliamentarian. Seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**TARIFF – ECA – SECOND READ**

GM reviewed the ECA and recommends keeping it at its current rate but allowing the Board to invoke adjustments as needed. This will allow the Board the ability to adjust for deviations in actual vs. expected power usage and sales and anticipated power costs. Counsel confirmed this applies to weather, usage and how it affects members.

**MOTION** made by Silverstein to accept the ability for the Board to adjust the ECA as stated above. Second by Madsen. Passed unanimously.

**SOLAR RATE DISCUSSION**

Presentation on Member Generation: Rate Analysis. Discussion was held amongst the Board about the presentation. Mike Searcy from Guernsey joined at 9:30 a.m. Subject is to be brought back at the October meeting for further discussion.

**CAPITAL CREDITS ALLOCATION**

Suggested changes were discussed. First read only. Second read in October 2021.

**COVID UPDATE**

Reviewed current status of funds remaining for assistance to members. No assurances Washington State will step in with any form of aid. NRECA is currently pressing the legislatures for assistance. OPALCO will actively work with members in arrears to develop payment arrangements.

**GM REPORT**

The GM report was reviewed.

End of Regular Session 10:45 a.m.

Executive Session



Back to Regular Session 12:30 p.m.

**MOTION** to approve Moss Adams for the 2021 audit was made. Seconded and approved by voice vote. Jerry Whitfield had left the meeting at 12:00 p.m. so was not involved in the vote.

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