



**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, October 21, 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; Communications Specialist Krista Bouchey; 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:**

Bruce Nyden	Angela Morrison	Richard Strachan
Justin Wolfe	Sandy Bishop	Bill Will, WA Solar Energy Industries
Chris Wolfe	Janet Alderton	Rick Fant
Elliot Burch	Andey Finley	Barbara Rosenkotter
Sharon Abreu	Heather Nicholson	Chris Greacen
Scott Finley	Chom Greacen	Susan Bauer

**Guests:**

John Prescott  
Anita Decker

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, shared details of her EV road trip around Washington, explained it’s National Co-op month, OPALCO is hiring apprentice lineman, OPALCO needs EGC volunteers and reminded all storm season is here.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Members in attendance shared their thoughts on the proposed changes to solar rates.

President Vince Dauciunas opened the meeting and thank everyone for their comments. Agenda will be changed to accommodate guests who will be joining at 11:00 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CAPITAL CREDITS ALLOCATION (Final Read)**

**MOTION** to adopt the revisions to Member Policy Services 11 as amended so non-electrical revenue does not count in OPALCO’s capital credit allocation. Motion made by Struthers, second by Silverstein. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

**SOLAR RATE DISCUSSION**

GM presented and stated the goal is to encourage as much renewable generation as possible but there is a need to balance competing restraints. Discussion was held by the Directors. Members were encouraged to share their thoughts by emailing [Communications@opalco.com](mailto:Communications@opalco.com). It was agreed an energy roundtable would be scheduled for members to participate in before final decisions would be made.

Break 9:53 a.m.  
Back 10:07 a.m.

**EIGHTH POWER PLAN**

Guests from the Northwest Power and Conservation Council were unable to attend the meeting as hoped. They will attend an OPALO board meeting at a later date.

**COVID UPDATE**

Current information was reviewed.



**GM REPORT**

The GM report was reviewed.

**SOLAR INCENTIVES**

Discussion held about how to assist low to medium income members.

End of Regular Session 11:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:00 a.m.**

Back to regular session 12:50 p.m.

**MOTION** made by Madsen to approve submittal of Form 990. Second by Silverstein, approved by unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION** made by Madsen to approve Rick Fant as a member of the Elections and Governance Committee (EGC). Second by Whitfield. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

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