



**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 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; Communications Specialist Krista Bouchey; Head Accountant Travis Neal, Member Services Supervisor Joey Wyckoff 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:

Chris Thomerson	Tom Starr	Ray Glaze	Bill Severson
John Fleischer	Sue Bauer	Ronald Zee	

Guests:

Michael Jung, PNGC
Hill Thomas, NRECA
Ashely Slater, NRECA

Staff opened and explained rules of the meeting. Reviewed today’s agenda. Volunteers needed for EGC, employees who are retiring, looking at opening the 2022 election season. Three Director positions 1 in District 1, 1 in District 3 and 1 in District 4. OPALCO will be hosting an open house January 6, 2022 to answer questions for anyone interested in running for a Director position. Capital credits to be distributed. Currently hiring for 3 positions, 2 linemen and 1 in Member Services.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomerson stated he is very pleased with the work the Board does. Encourages socially beneficial things like conservation and long-term storage.

8:37 am

President Vince Dauciunas opened the meeting and thank everyone for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES

Due to new information received confirming OPALCO would lose its processing discount as a utility, GM proposes not going forward with adding a credit card processing fee. Staff recommends approving the proposed 2022 Tariff. Discussion held clarifying fees.

- **MOTION** made by Struthers to pass the Tariff after fine tuning language to remove credit card fees. Second by Osterman. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

MEMBER SERVICES POLICY 17 REVISIONS

Policy 17 updates were reviewed.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Reviewed current OPALCO rules re: wearing masks when not at workstations, training sessions to be held outdoors, social distancing etc. are still in place.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

GM reviewed the report. Staff updated the Board regarding tidal studies status.

Break 9:30 a.m.

Back 9:43 a.m.

GM introduced guests Michael Jung with PNGC, Hill Thomas and Ashley Slater, both with NRECA. Discussion was held regarding legislative updates and infrastructure funds. It is expected 2/3 of the funds will run through the States. Also available through federal channels such as USDA. Reconciliation Bill is



still a work in progress. Not yet law. \$10B earmarked for co-ops. Also \$200B for RESP funding for 10 year terms. Granting of awards probably will not be until 2022-2023.

Member comments re-commenced at 10:43 a.m.

End regular session 10:50 a.m.

Executive Session

Regular Session 11:44 a.m.

- **MOTION** to approve EGC candidate as discussed made by Silverstein, second by Whitfield. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Break 11:45 a.m.

Back 12:15 p.m.

Executive Session

End of Session 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

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Vince Dauciunas

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