



**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022**

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciunas, Jerry Whitfield, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Rick Christmas 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; and Communications Manager Suzanne Olson (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and consultant Jay Kimball and guest Jane Fuller.

Members in attendance included Tom Starr, Chris Wolfe, John Fleisher and Ron Zee.

Meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **MOTION** was made by Silverstein to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Madsen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS REVIEW

Staff reviewed a collection of recent news articles on climate change and discussion ensued on land requirements, transmission and permitting, legislative mandates, opposition challenges, benefits and trade-offs, opportunities for collaboration and alignment with the County Comprehensive plan.

JANE FULLER, COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Ms. Fuller introduced herself to the Board and discussion ensued on how OPALCO would like to work with Council to build a sustainable future.

POLICY 11: DIRECTORS' STIPEND, REIMBURSEMENT AND BENEFITS (SECOND READ)

GM reviewed proposed changes to board compensation and comments from the Elections & Governance Committee. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Brian Silverstein and then withdrawn. Discussion continued.

- **MOTION** was made by Silverstein to remove insurance benefits for future directors. Seconded by Christmas.

No action was taken on Board stipend. Staff were directed to propose a progression of increasing the Board stipend as part of the budget process.

GM REPORT

GM presented the monthly General Manager's Report. Discussion ensued.

Board Meeting ended at 11:27 a.m.

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