



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Daciunas, 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; Head Accountant Travis Neal; Member Services Supervisor Joey Wykoff and Communications Manager Suzanne Olson (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and consultant Jay Kimball. Rock Island EVP Alan Smith joined the meeting at 10:30am.

Members in attendance included Wendy Heister, Barb Pesola, Bruce Nyden, Doug Rowan, Jim Corenman, Justin Wolfe, Ray Glaze, Robert Dashiell, Ron Zee, Tad Sommerville, Chris Thomerson, and Chuks Onwuneme

Meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

Member Comment Period: no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

DIRECTOR PARTICIPATION IN SAN JUAN CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

President reviewed San Juan Climate and Sustainability Committee. Joel/Counsel gave background – does not perceive conflict. Disc ensued. Member comment from Ray Glaze on history and public perception. After discussion, Board found that participation in the San Juan Climate and Sustainability Committee does not pose a conflict of interest.

- **MOTION** was made by to Silverstein, seconded by Christmas and passed in a 5-0 voice vote with Daciunas and Whitfield recusing themselves.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OUTAGE RECAP

Staff reviewed the outages of Dec 22-24 and protocols of working with PSE and BPA system. Member Jim Corenman shared his concerns. Discussion ensued.


GRANTS


Staff reviewed the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant submittals to the Department of Energy. Discussion ensued on grant process, timeline and current system capacity.

REPORTS

Staff reviewed reports, dashboards, budget tracking and project updates. Discussion ensued including on USFS grant, fire danger, ROW protocols and mitigation efforts. Staff introduced the concept of a pilot rate to mitigate revenue uncertainties due to the weather volatility.

Board paused the Regular Meeting at 10:15 am for a break and then and went into Executive Session. Board returned to Regular Session and meeting ended at 12:30 pm.

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Vince Daciunas, President

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Brian Silverstein, Secretary-Treasurer