

# Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2024

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciunas, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Jerry Whitfield, Chuks Onwuneme and Wendy Hiester. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance and Member Services Nancy Loomis; Communications Manager Krista Bouchey; Head Accountant Travis Neal; Supervisor of Member Services Joey Wyckoff; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange; Staking Technician Matthew Helms and Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner, and consultant Jay Kimball.

Members in attendance: Rob Memmott, Michael Riordan, Ray Glaze, Gary Greene, Sharon Abreu, Barbara Pesola, Heather Nicholson, and Marty Vowels.

Meeting commenced at 8:43 AM

#### Member Comment Period:

Rob Memmott inquired about an update on the Jackson Beach project and was advised that the kickoff would be the beginning of 2025; Michael Riordan made comments about his Opinion piece in the Seattle Times and mentioned rates; Gary Greene commented to show support of OPALCO moving forward with alternative energy sources.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### 2025 Tariffs

**MOTION** was made by Madsen to approve the 2025 Tariffs. The motion was seconded by Whitfield and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **HomeStreet Bank Account Signers**

**MOTION** was made by Madsen to approve the addition of Travis Neal and Michelle Beal as signers to the HomeStreet Bank account, seconded by Whitfield and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **EGC Membership**

**MOTION** was made by Madsen to approve the proposed candidate to the Elections and Governance Committee for the next three years, seconded by Hiester and passed unanimously by voice vote.



**MOTION** was made by Osterman to reconfirm the current EGC members for a three-year term, seconded by Silverstein and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Youth Rally Presentation:** The five participants gave a presentation to the Board and members on their experience at the 2024 ICUA Youth Rally

**Discussion with Friends of the San Juan Islands:** Staff shared the details of their meeting with the Friends of the San Juan Islands on December 9, 2024. Discussion ensued.

### **REPORTS**

Staff reviewed reports, dashboards, grant and budget tracking, ongoing cooperative-wide safety measures and training, and project updates including the delays with San Juan County involving the Bailer Hill Project.

Regular Session ended: 8:43 -10:40 & 11:46-11:52 am

Break: 10:40-10:55 am

Executive Session: 10:55- 11:46am

Meeting Closed: 11:52 am

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Tom Osterman

Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer



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