



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2024

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciunas, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Jerry Whitfield, 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; Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary); and Communications Specialist Johanna Lange. Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner, and consultant Jay Kimball.

Members in attendance: Chom Greacen, Christ Greacen, Chris Wolfe, Robert Dashiell, and Barbara Pesola

Meeting commenced at 8:33 a.m.

Member Comment Period: Chom and Chris Greacen of Lopez Island made comments regarding rates.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

2024 Audit and Tax Engagement Letters

MOTION was made by Silverstein, to authorize General Manager Foster Hildreth to execute the letters, seconded by Madsen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Subscriber's Agreement and POA of Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange

MOTION was made by Madsen, to authorize General Manager Foster Hildreth to sign the document related to the procurement of insurance on behalf of the Cooperative, seconded by Silverstein and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Reminder: December 2024 Board Meeting: The December 2024 Board Meeting has been changed after a poll was unanimously approved by the Board through email on October 14, 2024.

Communications Outline: Staff reviewed OPALCO's communication strategy that aims to educate members on the transition to locally produced renewable energy and the challenges posed by climate change, rising electricity costs, and the need for reliable power. Key initiatives for 2025 include the Island Way Campaign, an in-person annual meeting, the Bailer Hill Community Solar Project, the Tidal Generation Pilot Project, alongside ongoing efforts in advertising, member communication, and public affairs. Discussion ensued.



2025 Budget Drivers: Staff reviewed weather conditions that influence heating degree days and budgeting for kwh sales. 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: 9:53 am

Break: 9:53 am – 10:13 am

Executive Session: 10:13 am – 10:34 am

Re-entered Regular Session: 10:34 am

Meeting Closed: 10:36 am

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Tom Osterman

Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer

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