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Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2025

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Jerry Whitfield, Chuks Onwuneme, Brian Silverstein and Wendy Hiester. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance Travis Neal; Communications Manager Krista Bouchey; Manager of Member Services, Joey Wyckoff; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange; 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: John Fleischer, Todd Goldsmith, Andrew Munson, Bill Rupp, Norris Palmer, Chris Wolfe, John Rogers, Tessa Ormenyi, Alison Longley, Barbara Pesola, Nancy Loomis, Sharon Grace, Jason Ontjes

Meeting commenced at 8:47 AM

Member Comment Period: Andrew Munson spoke about noxious weeds and requested the Board address the letter sent in October, at a future meeting as an agenda item. Cyndi Smith spoke about noxious weeds on Lopez. Norris Palmer spoke about BPA and the Lower Snake River Dam. Alison Longley requested that we not allow any energy from the Lower Snake River Dams in the new BPA contract.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SPECIAL RETIREMENT OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS

MOTION was made by Madsen to accept the Special Retirement to Uncollectible Accounts, seconded by Hiester and passed unanimously by voice vote.

GENERAL RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL CREDITS

MOTION was made by Silverstein to accept the General Retirement of Capital Credits, seconded by Madsen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

SUSIDIARY ACTION

MOTION was made by Silverstein for the Board of Director of OPALCO to approve Resolution 2-2025 regarding the increase in guaranty as discussed in Executive Session and authorizing execution of the resolution. Seconded by Madsen. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

AI UPDATE

MOTION was made by Madsen to approve the update to Board Policy 1: Functions of the Board of Directors; and Board Policy 24: Artificial Intelligence and Records Management, seconded by Osterman and passed unanimously by voice vote.



OPALCO BUDGET 2026

MOTION was made by Silverstein to accept the OPALCO Budget for 2026, which included the expansion of the Energy Charge Adjustment tied to the Operating Margin and a 5% rate increase. The motion was seconded by Madsen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Q3 Financials

Staff gave the quarter three financial update. Discussion ensued.

2026 Tariffs – First Read

Staff presented an initial overview of the proposed 2026 tariffs, which incorporate the structural changes approved at the August 2025 Board Meeting. The proposal also includes a 5% rate increase to meet revenue requirements, along with an expansion of the Energy Charge Adjustment linked to the Operating Margin. Discussion followed.

OPALCO Member Renewable Energy Survey

Staff informed the Board about OPALCO's upcoming two-phase member survey on local renewable energy generation, which follows recent town halls and will be conducted with independent firm DHM. The Board received an overview of the survey process and purpose, and discussion followed.

REPORTS

Staff reviewed reports, dashboards, grant and budget tracking, ongoing cooperative-wide safety measures and training, and projects.

Regular Session ended: 11:18 AM

Executive Session: 11:05 AM to 11:18 AM

Meeting Closed: 11:18 AM

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Tom Osterman

Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer

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