



**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciuinas, 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; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange; Manager of Member Services Joey Wyckoff; and Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and Clara Park, consultant Jay Kimball; Alan Smith from Rock Island Communications, and from Environmental Science Associates: Vanessa Rogers and Stacy Bumback.

Members in attendance: AG, Alan Mizuta, Angela Krisinger, Barbara Pesola, Charlie Conway, Darrell Kirk, Debbie, Dennis Jenkins, Sarah J, Jill Rullkoetter, Jo Ann Pierson, John Pierre van Dongen, Kim Ferree, Laura Derevensky, Lili, Michelle Thomas Harden, Nancy Loomis, Norris Palmer, Rich Goodhart, Rob Grant, Roz Solomon, Sean Campbell, Sophia, Su,anne Haggard, Susan Paxman, William Hurley, Elizabeth Guerry, Kendra Lamb, David Groff, Kay Wieben,

Meeting commenced at 8:33 AM

Member Comment Period: No member comments.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **Local Renewable Generation**

Staff reviewed in what way electricity demand is projected to grow significantly at both national and local levels, while baseload generation retires without firm replacement, creating an urgent supply gap. Utility scale solar is the lowest-cost generation option available, outperforming all alternatives on cost, efficiency and siting flexibility and local generation reduces our exposure to mainland price volatility while delivering rate stability and energy security for co-op members. Discussion ensued.

##### **Decatur Island Solar Project**

Staff and Directors discussed the Decatur Island Solar Expansion Project with the Project Team.

##### **Decatur Community Comments – open comment period**

Bill Hurley, Dawni Cunningham, Alan Mizuta, Charlie Conway, Jo Ann Pierson, Darrell Kirk, Kendra Lamb, Debbie Warren, Rob Grant, Karen Pearson, Dennis Jenkins, Sean Campbell (on behalf of San Juan County Road Crew), and Norris Palmer spoke in opposition to the project ranging from: premature decision, violation of cooperative values, county and community lack of support, financial risk, lack of risk assessment, environmental areas, tribal engagement, pending Hearing Examiner decision, new



board members not seated, to better siting options. For the full member comment, please see the video recording of the meeting.

### **REPORTS**

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

Regular Session ended: 10:27 AM

Meeting Closed: 10:27 AM

*Vince Dauciunas*

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Vince Dauciunas, President

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Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer

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