

**Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 15, 2009
Salishan Resort
Gleneden Beach, Oregon

These minutes were approved at the October 7, 2009 meeting.

Steve Eldrige called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Present were:

GAC Members

Steve Eldrige, Chair, Umatilla
Shirley Cairns, Vice-Chair, Douglas
Leland Smith, Midstate
Bud Tracy, Blachly-Lane
Randy Whitaker, Harney
Rick Crinklaw, Lane
Zabyn Towner, PNGC

Others

Ted Case, ORECA
Sandy Flicker, ORECA
Bryan Wolfe, Umatilla
Roman Gillen, Consumers Power
Dave Sabala, Douglas
Jeff Davis, Wasco
Neal Harth, Wasco
Robert VanNatta, W. Oregon
Peter Radabaugh, Coos-Curry
Tom Irwin, Blachly-Lane
Gary Miller, OTEC
Bob Macpherson, Umatilla
RoseEtta Ansotegui, Umatilla
Roger Meader, Coos-Curry
Andrea Reimer, ORECA

1. AGENDA – On a motion and a second the amended agenda was approved. Motion carried.
2. MINUTES – No minutes were presented for approval.
3. Legislative Overview 2009 – Staff reported on the following:
 - a. Climate Change – SB 80 (failed)
 - i. Ted thanked everyone for the quick response to our grassroots efforts.
 - ii. Ted presented a background on WCI and SB 80. Sandy reported on the coalition efforts and the COU's Efficiency proposal (HB 3155) to negotiate with the Governor's office.
 - b. Metal Theft – SB 570 (passed)
 - i. Andrea reported on the key elements passed in SB 570 to deter metal thieves.
 - c. PUC Fee – HB 2253 (failed)
 - i. Sandy reported on PacifiCorp's efforts to pass this safety fee bill.
 - d. County Franchise Fee – HB 2042 (failed)
 - i. Sandy reported that this bill failed but will be discussed in the interim.
 - e. Low Carbon Fuel Standard – HB 2186 (passed)
 - i. Sandy reported this bill became the Governor's priority.
 - f. Transmission Siting – HB 3153 (passed)
 - i. Sandy reported this bill requires utilities to meet with landowners prior to transmission siting.

- g. Energy Supplier Assessment – HB 5013 (passed0
 - i. Sandy reported that the Energy Facility Siting Council will do a study on this bill.
- 4. Federal Climate Change legislation
 - a. Ted reported on the NRECA position with the Waxman bill. The GAC discussed the NRECA position.
- 5. NRECA May Conference
 - a. Steve Eldrige discussed all attendees meet prior to the Conference to discuss and be briefed on the issues. The GAC agreed to meet prior to Conference.
- 6. Biological Opinion
 - a. Zabyrn reviewed the current status of the BiOp.
- 7. ACRE Report
 - a. Ted thanked all members for their participation.
 - b. ACRE Chair Rick Crinklaw presented a proposed co-op award based on points.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.