

**OREGON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2009**

**10:00 am**

**Salem Electric, Salem, Oregon**

*These minutes were approved at the July 15, 2009 Board meeting..*

The board met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. President Robert VanNatta convened the board meeting at 10:03 a.m. Present were:

BOARD MEMBERS

Blachly-Lane	- Thomas Irwin III (by telephone)
Central Electric	- <i>not present</i>
Columbia Basin	- <i>not present</i>
Columbia Power	- <i>not present</i>
Consumers Power	- <i>not present</i>
Coos-Curry Elect.	- Pete Radabaugh
Douglas Elect.	- Shirley Cairns
Harney Elect.	- Randy Whitaker
Hood River Elect.	- <i>not present</i>
Lane Electric	- Chris Seubert
Midstate Electric	- Ken Wilson
Oregon Trail Elect.	- <i>not present</i>
Salem Electric	- Alicia Bonesteele
Surprise Valley	- <i>not present</i>
Umatilla Electric	- Bob MacPherson
Umpqua Indian Utility	- Ron Doan
Wasco Electric	- Jeff Davis
West Oregon Elect.	- Robert VanNatta

OTHERS

Ted Case, Exec. Director
Andrea Reimer, Executive Assistant
Sandy Flicker, contract lobbyist
Lisa Logie, contractor
Chuck Swank, Grove, Mueller & Swank
Dylan Corbett, Grove, Mueller & Swank

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion and second, the Board approved the proposed agenda as presented; the meeting minutes of February 11, 2009; and the January – March 2009 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Ron Doan, Chair of the ORECA 2009 Dues Committee, reported on the Committee's review of the current ORECA dues structure. The Dues Committee unanimously recommended to the Board to maintain the current dues formula, while allowing staff the flexibility to keep searching for an updated fair and improved formula that closely matches the current dues paid by ORECA members. The Board discussed the recommendation. Ken Wilson accepted the recommendation but stated in the future ORECA should update the dues formula. Shirley Cairns noted that ORECA should review the 20% base fee. Members of the Committee commended Ron Doan for his leadership on the Committee. On a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the 2009 Dues Committee.

B. Andrea reviewed the new ORECA Directors website forum on the ORECA website.

C. Ted presented the Proposed Alternate Policy for ORECA Board members. The Board held considerable debate on the proposed Bylaw change to **Article IV, Section 4** –

**DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS** to allow each ORECA member to designate an alternate to serve in the director's place should the director be unable to attend a Board meeting or otherwise be unable to fulfill the director's duties and responsibilities. On a motion and a second, the motion carried with three no votes from Shirley Cairns, Chris Seubert and Jeff Davis.

**3. STAFF REPORTS**

A Legislative & Regulatory Update

- a. Ted and Sandy discussed the current status of SB 80. The Board discussed the strategy of ORECA with the cap and trade bill.
  - b. Sandy discussed HB 3155 as the ORECA alternate plan to SB 80.
  - c. Sandy discussed the potential impact of HB 2186 (low carbon fuel standard).
  - d. Ted reported on the NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.
  - e. Lisa reported on the new Oregon Power Planning Council renewables initiative.
- B. Ted updated the Board on current ACRE membership and his goal of doubling President's Club membership.
- C. Ted reported on the recent Power of Community Alert that was sent out regarding SB 80. Ted stated that the alert did not get overwhelming response. The Board discussed the issues and difficulties of obtaining valid e-mail addresses from members for the POC program.
- D. Ted discussed the ORECA involvement in the federal/state Stimulus Program.
- E. Ted reported that ORECA had signed an agreement with the Crown Plaza hotel in Portland as the location for the 2009 ORECA Annual meeting.
- F. Ted discussed the NRECA proposal to merge the NRECA Annual Meeting and Legislative Conference.
- G. Ted announced that ORECA would be conducting the 2009 NRECA Board of Directors Election. The election will be held at the November 18, 2009 ORECA Board of Directors meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chuck Swank, CPA for Grove, Mueller & Swank presented the 2008 ORECA audit results. Chuck discussed the financial results, adjustments for depreciation and management letters. On a motion and a second, the Board accepted the report as presented. Motion carried.
- B. President Robert VanNatta appointed Leland Smith from Midstate Electric Cooperative as the new GAC member. President VanNatta stated that as ORECA Board President, he would resign from the GAC. He also discussed that GAC meetings are open to those who wish to participate.

**5. OTHER**

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Date