

Regular Meeting Minutes
Salem Electric Board of Directors

24 November 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Salem Electric Board of Directors virtual meeting was called to order by President Dave Bauer. Directors present: Dave Bauer, Joe Van Meter, Jerry Berger, Jeff Anderson, Jan Bargen, Cindy Condon, and Angie Onyewuchi. Staff members present: Tony Schacher, General Manager; Chris Kriek, Administrative Services Manager; Cindy Lenker, Executive Assistant; Randi Johnson, Executive Assistant. (A list of the members, employees, and guests in attendance are in the Supplemental Minutes Book.)
2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ted Case, ORECA Executive Director thanked the board for their participation in ORECA's first ever virtual annual meeting, he complimented staff on their work to help delay any utility moratorium being implemented from the Governor's office, reported that Legislative Days will happen in the spring, but will look very different, talked about issues surrounding broadband in rural cooperative areas, and said he was disappointed with Oregon's Notice of Intent to sue the federal government over its 2020 NOAA Fisheries Biological Opinion on the Columbia River System Operations.
3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS: A member commented on the disconnect moratorium and asked about possible PUC rules with regard to high wind events and wildfire risk.
4. MEETING AGENDA: **MOTION** made by Anderson, seconded by Van Meter and **carried unanimously** approving the Meeting Agenda as presented.
5. CONSENT CALENDAR: **MOTION** made by Anderson, seconded by Van Meter and **carried unanimously** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR: None.
7. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:
Revised Combined Board Meetings Policy - Action: **MOTION** was made by Van Meter, seconded by Bargen and **passed with five in favor and one opposed** to approve the revised policy language as presented. (A copy of the policy is in the Supplemental Minutes book.)
Director Service to Industry Association Boards and Committees – Action: **MOTION** was made by Van Meter, seconded by Anderson and **carried with five in favor and one opposed** to approve the policy as presented. (A copy of the policy is in the Supplemental Minutes book.)
Proposed 2021 Budget – Action: **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Anderson and **carried with four in favor and two opposed** to approve the proposed budget as presented.

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Department Updates: Schacher reported on two outages last month, notified the board that effective January 1, 2021, the office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. This change was implemented based on the call volume experienced and positive member feedback during the extended hour trial phase. He announced the Salem Electric Member Assistant Program (SEMAP) process is underway and members will begin receiving assistance January 1. The Salem Police Department's PV system was energized this month. Onyewuchi volunteered to provide a board member article for the February 2021 *Co-op News*.

Manager's Report: As a result of the Governor's two-week "pause", Salem Electric has suspended disconnects. Schacher is investigating options for a facilitator at the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting, tentatively scheduled for February 2021. If the meeting cannot be held in person, it will be postponed to a later date.

Strategic Planning Document Update: Schacher reviewed updates on the Strategic Planning Document.

Outside Meeting Reports: Several reported on the ORECA Annual Meeting, Condon gave a brief update regarding NRU, Van Meter reported on the ORECA board meeting, and Onyewuchi reported on NW RiverPartners.

9. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER: In response to the board's earlier action approving the new Director Service to Industry Association Boards and Committees, Onyewuchi asked if she needed formal approval by the board to continue her expanded role with NW RiverPartners. **MOTION** was made by Van Meter, seconded by Anderson and **passed with five in favor, one opposed, and one abstained** to approve Onyewuchi's continued involvement.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board recessed at 7:45 p.m. and convened in Executive Session.

12. ADJOURN: At 8:15 p.m., at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the board reconvened in regular session and immediately adjourned.

Jerry Berger, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved Pursuant to Board Action on
December 16, 2020

Dave Bauer, President

SALEM ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6:00 p.m. Tuesday November 24, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Ted Case, ORECA Executive Director
3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS (5 minutes per member)
4. MEETING AGENDA (Approve)
5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Approve)
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 - 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting Update

Strategic Planning Document Update (Schacher)

Outside Meeting Reports (Directors)
9. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS (5 minutes per member)
10. NEW BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (GM Benefit/Compensation Information)**
12. ADJOURN (Next Meeting: December 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m. For upcoming agenda items, refer to the Annual Agenda Items Calendar on Call to Order (Documents, Board Meeting General).

*Document located in Miscellaneous Section.