

# MINUTES



**Tanner Electric Cooperative  
TEC Board of Directors  
March Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
TEC North Bend Office and ZOOM**

## **In-Person Attendance**

Carol Paschal; David McGoldrick; Dutch Siedentopf; Kevin Burns; Lisa Peabody; Mike Hodge; Nick Himebauch; Roger Guay; Steve Nicholes; Steven Walter

## **Remote Attendance**

Joel Merkel; John Saatela; Paul Bay; Susan Serrette-Egan

### **A. ROLL CALL**

**Mike**

Absent: None

### **B. Establish a Quorum**

**Mike**

A quorum was established

### **C. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mike**

Board President, Mike Hodge, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

#### **1. Action Item - Move to Approve the Agenda**

Move: Roger Guay Second: David McGoldrick Status: Passed

#### **2. Board President's Remarks**

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### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Consent Agenda**

- a. New Memberships List
- b. Write Offs - None this month
- c. Monthly Outage Reports

#### **2. Action Item - Move to Receive the Consent Agenda**

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

#### **3. Action Item - Move to Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

The February minutes were approved as written, with no corrections.

Move: Roger Guay Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

4. **Action Item - Move to Approve Summary Minutes for Ruralite**

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Roger Guay Status: Passed

**E. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Kevin

Mr. Kevin Burns, Director of Finance presented the following reports to the Board

1. Funds Disbursement List
2. Monthly P & L
3. Misc. Financial Data
4. **Action Item - Move to Receive the Financial Reports**

Move: Steve Nicholes Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

**F. REPORTS**

1. CEO Report

Steve

Mr. Walter reported on the following items

- a. 2022 Strategic Plan Discussion

Mr. Walter created a Strategic Planning implementation tracking model for the Board that outlined all the goals and objectives discussed during the October 2021 strategy session.

- b. Revised TEC Mission Statement

Mr. Walter presented several options for a new mission statement. The Board agreed to revise the TEC mission as presented in option 2. " The Mission of Tanner Electric Cooperative is to provide reliable, safe, sustainable electric power and related services to the communities we are proud to serve"

- c. Action Committee Rural Electrification (ACRE)

As a member of the NRECA, the Board and management staff can support the Action Committee for Rural Electrification® (ACRE®) through personal contributions. It is the federal political action committee (PAC) of the nation's electric co-ops. ACRE supports political candidates who will speak for and protect the interests of electric co-ops and their consumer-owners. Contributions and grassroots participation help drive results. ACRE supports candidates that understand and support the electric cooperative industry, consumer members, and our communities. Our support can help elect candidates who then participate in legislative decisions that affect electric cooperatives and consumer members.

2. Operations Report

Nick

Mr. Himebauch submitted a written operations report that was distributed to the Board as an attachment to the meeting agenda. During the meeting, he gave a presentation on Cathodic protection.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Audit

Paul

Chairman Mr. Bay reported the committee will be meeting with the auditors prior to the April Board meeting to discuss the results of the 2021 financial audit

- b. New Technology & Conservation

Roger

Chairman Mr. Guay reported on a recent article he read on electric vehicles and recommended that all the board members read it.

- c. Operations & Facilities Steve

Chairman Mr. Walter reported that some paving was done recently in the employee parking lot to create a pass-through to the crew building and line truck parking garage.

- d. Personnel Mke

Chairman Mr. Hodge reported the committee will be meeting on April 5th to review Board Policies

- e. Policy & Bylaws Dutch

Chairman Mr. Siedentopf reported that he recently met with the CEO and Board President regarding policy development, the approval process, and the committee's effectiveness. The board was asked to comment on his report and all agreed to dissolve the Policy committee.

- f. Union Affairs Steve

Operations Manager Mr. Himebaugh reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the new union business manager, Cole Bailey, following the retirement of long-time manager Rick Strait.

- g. Youth Development Susan

Chairwoman Serrette-Egan reported that high scholarship applications are due April 1 and the committee will be meeting to discuss new ideas to enrich and better promote the Youth Development program.

#### 4. Other Reports

- a. General Counsel Report

Mr. Merkel updated the Board on the King County Right of Way litigation

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **H. ADJOURN MEETING**

The Board President adjourned the TEC April Board of Directors meeting at 4:38 p.m.