

# MINUTES



**Tanner Electric Cooperative  
Board of Directors  
August TEC Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
TEC North Bend Headquarters**

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## In Attendance

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### Member

Carol Paschal (remote); David McGoldrick; Dutch Siedentopf; John Saatela; Kristina Michael; Malcolm Lybeck; Michael Hodge; Roger Guay; Steve Nicholes

### Staff

Joel Merkel; Kevin Burns; Lisa Peabody; Nick Himebauch; Steven Walter

### A. Guest Speaker - Samantha Silverman - Youth Tour Presentation

### B. Guest Speaker - Kurt Miller- Northwest River Partners

Kurt Miller is one of the nation's leading advocates for hydropower and its role in our clean and equitable energy future. His expertise in energy policy has been featured in over 50 contributed pieces across numerous regional and national news outlets, and he is a frequent commentator on T.V., radio, and policy panels. As the executive director of Northwest RiverPartners, Kurt represents millions of public power customers across Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, and Utah who rely on the affordability and reliability of hydropower to power their homes, businesses, and transportation.

### C. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of Tanner Electric Cooperative (TEC) met in Regular Session at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the boardroom at the TEC administration building in North Bend, Washington. Following the two guest speakers, Board President Michael Hodge took roll and called the TEC Board of Directors' meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. All Board members and executive staff were present.

1. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Following roll call a quorum was established.

2. **Action Item** - Move to Approve the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented on August 15, 2023.

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Kristina Michael Status: Passed

### D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

- a. New Memberships/New Construction List
- b. Monthly Outage Reports

2. **Action Item** - Move to Receive and File the Consent Agenda  
Motion to receive and file the consent agenda.  
Move: Malcolm Lybeck Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed
3. **Action Item** - Move to Approve the Board Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve the TEC August Board meeting minutes as written.  
Move: Roger Guay Second: Malcolm Lybeck Status: Passed
4. **Action Item** - Move to Approve Summary Minutes for Ruralite  
Motion to approve the August minutes may be summarized and published in the Ruralite magazine.  
Move: Kristina Michael Second: Roger Guay Status: Passed
5. **Action Item** - Revised Employee Handbook- Revised Draft 2  
Motion to approve the revised employee handbook.  
Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Kristina Michael Status: Passed

#### **E. FINANCIAL REVIEW - Kevin Burns, Director of Finance**

1. Funds Disbursement List
2. Arrears List
3. Balance Sheet
4. YTD Financials
5. July MTD\_Sales by Class
6. **Action Item** - Receive the Financial Reports  
Motion to receive and file the July financial reports presented on August 15, 2023.  
Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

#### **F. REPORTS**

1. CEO Report - Steven Walter
  - a) Middle Fork Oil Spill - Insurance coverage and Security of physical assets
  - b) North Bend Substation Bird Strike
  - c) Snoqualmie Casino 2nd Contract
  - d) CFC Strategic Planning October 20-21, 2023
  - e) TEC EV Vehicles and Charger Stats
  - f) Cost of Service (COSA) scheduled 4th Qtr 2023
  - g) Technology Roadmap Update
  - h) Touchstone ACSI Survey Results
  - i) Bonneville Power Administration Contract Update
2. Operations Report - Nick Himebauch  
Operations Manager Nick Himebauch submitted a written report to the Board that included information on the following items:
  - a) Captial Projects on Anderson Island

- b) Middle Fork substation yard vandalism details & photos
- c) Scheduled outage to repair the North Bend substation's power transformer following the avian strike.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Audit - Carol Paschal, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.
- b. New Technology & Conservation - Roger Guay, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.
- c. Personnel - Mike Hodge, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.
- d. Youth Development - Dutch Siedentopf, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.

4. Director Area Reports

5. Other Reports

- a. General Counsel Report - Joel Merkel

Nothing significant to report this month.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Action Item** - Approve Member Service Policies Sec 420

Motion: to accept and approve member service policies #421-#426 as proposed by staff and General Counsel with one correction to #424 Member Equipment regarding electric welders.

Move: Roger Guay Second: David McGoldrick Status: Passed

**H. ADJOURN MEETING**

Following no further business, the Board President adjourned the TEC August 15, 2023, Board of Directors' meeting at 7:14 p.m.