



**Tanner Electric Cooperative
September 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
09/17/2024 | 03:00 PM - 07:30 PM
TEC Administration Bldg. North Bend WA**

Board Members

Malcolm Lybeck, Roger Guay, Carol Paschal, Dutch Siedentopf, Steve Nicholes, John Saatela, Marc McElney, Kristina Michael, Joel Merkel

Staff

Steven Walter, Kevin Burns, Nick Himebauch, Lisa Peabody

Attendees (13)

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 1) Cliff Center- Senior Project Manager- J.F. Brennan Company
- 2) Clark Mather - Executive Director- Northwest River Partners

CALL TO ORDER – TEC September Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of Tanner Electric Cooperative met in Regular Session at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, in the TEC Boardroom at 45715 SE 140th Street, North Bend, Washington. Board President Malcolm Lybeck called the TEC Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1) Roll Call

David McGoldrick was absent and excused from the meeting.

2) Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3) Approve the Meeting Agenda (Action Item)

ACTION: Motion to approve the TEC Board of Directors' meeting agenda for September 17, 2024 (Assignee(s): Dutch Siedentopf, Kristina Michael

4) Board President's Remarks

The President would like to draft a resolution to approve and establish a TEC Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Committee consisting of the Board and CEO.

Also discussed was increasing the budget for director training to allow board members to attend additional classes beyond the credentialed cooperative director program and allow more participation in regional or statewide meetings.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Approve the Consent Agenda (Action Item)

ACTION: Motion to receive and file the September 17, 2024, consent agenda.

(Assignee(s): Steve Nicholes, Dutch Siedentopf)

2) Financial Review – Kevin Burns

ACTION: Motion to receive and file the financial reports presented on September 17, 2024, by Mr. Burns, the Director of Finance. (Assignee(s): Roger Guay, Carol Paschal)

REPORTS

1) CEO Report – Steve Walter

- Progress update for the Snoqualmie Casino renovations
- Grant Funding applications
- 2025 Regional and Washington Rural Electric Cooperative meeting schedule

2) Operations Report – Nick Himebauch

Mr. Himebach submitted a written report for the Board, which included a project update and monthly safety training.

3) Committee Chair Reports

a) Finance & Audit – Carol Paschal

The committee met today and continued working on the 2025 budget. Other items discussed were CFC interest repricing, unclaimed capital credits, and Washington's Cap and Invest Program

b) New Technology and Conservation – Roger Guay

Chair Roger Guay told the Board how well his new battery storage system performed during the Ames Lake transmission outages. He also suggested that staff look into options for expediting text messages to our members during outages and for estimated restoration times.

c) Personnel - Malcolm Lybeck

The Personnel Committee and the entire Board will meet in the Executive session following today.

d) Youth Development

Chair Dutch Siedentopf updated the Board on his efforts to advertise the TEC High School and Youth Tour scholarships.

e) General Counsel's Report – Attorney Joel Merkel

Nothing new to report.

f) Area Director Reports

New disaster planning meetings are being organized for Anderson Island members to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the agenda for today.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business item on the agenda for today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A few TEC Board members and staff will attend the Priest Dam Tour sponsored by Inland Power on October 2nd.
- The TEC October Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th, at 3:00 p.m.
- The TEC November Board meeting will be on November 21st at 3:00 p.m.

- TEC's employee Christmas Party is December 13th at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the TEC September Board of Directors Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - TEC BOARD ONLY

An executive session followed the regular TEC Board meeting on September 17, 2024. During the session, the Board President and the Directors concluded the annual CEO performance evaluation and agreed on Mr. Walter's salary adjustment, which will go into effect October 1, 2024.