

MINUTES



**Tanner Electric Cooperative
TEC Board of Directors
May Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
TEC North Bend Office**

In Attendance

Member

Carol Paschal; David McGoldrick; Dutch Siedentopf; John Saatela; Paul Bay (remote); Roger Guay; Steve Nicholes

Staff

Joel Merkel; Lisa Peabody (remote); Nick Himebauch; Steven Walter

Not In Attendance

Member

Mike Hodge; Susan Serrette-Egan

Staff

Kevin Burns

A. ROLL CALL

1. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

The Vice-President took roll call and a quorum was established

B. CALL TO ORDER

1. **Action Item** - Approve the Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Move: David McGoldrick Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. New Memberships List
 - b. Monthly Outage Reports
 - c. Funds Disbursement List
2. **Action Item** -Receive the Consent Agenda

Motion to receive the consent agenda as presented.

Move: Paul Bay Second: Dutch Siedentopf Status: Passed

3. **Action Item** - Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 2022 minutes as written.

Move: Carol Paschal Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

4. **Action Item** - Approve the Minutes for Ruralite

Motion to approve the minutes for the Ruralite as written.

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

5. **Action Item** - Approve Board Policy #100 and #107

Motion to approve Board policy # 100 as presented and Board policy # 107 as modified with one correction.

Move: David McGoldrick Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

D. FINANCIAL REVIEW

1. Monthly P & L

2. Misc. Financial Data

3. **Action Item** - Receive the Financial Reports

Motion to receive the April 2022 financial reports as presented by the Director of Finance.

Move: Paul Bay Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

E. REPORTS

1. CEO Report

The CEO reported to the Board that he and the WRECA General Manager recently met with two of the state's legislators to ask them to support a few key bills that would benefit the Cooperative.

NRECA is helping co-ops band together in consortiums to seek funding for projects in five categories: electric vehicles, microgrids, cybersecurity, natural hazards, and smart grids and data.

Tanner and other cooperatives are continuing to work through all the requirements for Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).

2. 2022 Strategic Plan Discussion

The CEO and the Board President will discuss the option of scheduling another strategic meeting to review the goals and objectives that resulted from the October 2021 strategic meeting.

3. Operations Report

The Operation Manager's written report was distributed to the Board as an attachment to the meeting agenda. There were no inquiries about the material discussed in his report.

4. Committee Reports

a. Finance & Audit - Mr. Paul Bay, Chairman

The committee will be meeting in June to discuss the Capital Credit retirement for 2022.

b. New Technology & Conservation - Mr. Roger Guay, Chairman

Nothing to report.

- c. Operations & Facilities -Mr. Steven Walter, Chairman

Nothing to report.

- d. Personnel - Mr. Mike Hodge, Chairman - Absent

Nothing to report.

- e. Union Affairs - Mr. Steven Walter, Chairman

Nothing to report.

- f. Youth Development - Dutch Siedentopf

The committee announced the scholarship winners for 2022 are as follows: Olivia Estes (Anderson Island), Tate Baker (North Bend) and Hayden Gosnell (Ames Lake). At this time Mr. Siendentopf on behalf of the committee chairperson made a recommendation to the Board to increase the high school scholarship award amount to \$1500.00 per student.

- 5. **Action Item** - Increase the scholarship award amount as recommended by the scholarship committee

Motion to accept and approve the recommendation to increase the scholarship award to \$1500.00 per student.

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

- 6. General Counsel - King County ROW Update

Since the dismissal of the utility claims without prejudice to permit negotiations to occur between the County and the utilities, the utilities have filed various objections to the County's methodology for calculating the rental fee. The County has said that it will take it several months to respond. The County may be consulting with appraisers or other experts in an effort to defend its methodology. Thus, the utilities are currently in a waiting period as to the substantive issues regarding the methodology, However, a group of directors from 5 of the non-profit utilities in the group that Tanner belongs to (Tanner Electric Cooperative, Sallal Water Assn., Ames Lake Water Association, Union Hill Water Association, and Foothills Water Association) are seeking a meeting with newly elected King County Council member, Sarah Perry, to discuss the many problems with Ordinance 18403 and, perhaps to suggest that it be repealed. Paul Bay is Tanner's representative in that group. A preliminary Zoom meeting of the representatives of this group will be held on Thursday 5/19.

F. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items on the agenda.

G. ADJOURN MEETING

The Vice-President adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.