

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WEST OREGON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

February 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Directors of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held February 24, 2015 at 652 Rose Ave., Vernonia, Oregon at 7:33 p.m.

Those present and attending said meeting were:

**Robert VanNatta, President
Bob Paleck, Vice President
Dan Murphy, Director
Rosemary Lohrke, Director
Jim Buxton, Director**

Staff present:

**Bob Perry, General Manager
Don Rose, Engineering & Operations Manager
David Western, Manager of Finance & Administration
Angela Hadley, Administrative Assistant**

Others present:

Martha VanNatta, Linda Perry

President VanNatta opened the meeting with the flag salute, and by determining a quorum was present.

President VanNatta called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

President VanNatta ordered the consent agenda approved by unanimous consent with one addition to the agenda.

- Meeting agenda
- Minutes of Last Regular Meeting
- Credit Card Accounting
- General fund checks January 2014 in the amount of \$424,832.49
- Members to be voted in 31
- Members to be voted out 23

David Western, Manager of Finance & Administration reported:

- Operating TIER for December is 1.69 which is 2.86 less than the 2014 budget of 4.55. The decrease is due to additional cost accrued for the Warren re-bill and outage costs during the month of December.
- Our year to date TIER is 1.87. This is .30 less than the 2014 budget of 2.17.
- Staff met with Monty Reher, our Federated Insurance representative, to review our upcoming insurance proposal. The current policy expires May 1, 2015. According to Monty, the Commercial Umbrella and Directors, Officers and Managers policy premiums will increase about 4%, but these costs will be offset by a decrease in the All Risk Blanket policy premium so the overall impact should be no or little increase in the premiums. Staff has asked Monty to present us with options to increase some of the deductibles in order to see what the corresponding decrease would be in the premiums. Staff will have the results for the April board meeting.
- Staff is busy processing year end reports.
- Staff has reviewed the 2014 trial balance and made several adjustments to balances that have been outstanding for many years, thus cleaning up the records and we will have the financial reports statements in April. The 2014 audit will begin February 23, 2015.

CALLED TO ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORT

Write-Offs list for the January billing thru February 10, 2015 was presented. Upon motion by Bob Paleck and second by Rosemary Lohrke, the write off list of \$582.46 was approved. Motion passed unanimously.

WRITE OFFS

Don Rose, Engineering and Operations Manager reported:

OPERATIONS REPORT

- We experienced thirteen (13) power interruptions during the month of January, which resulted in over 802,612 total outage minutes (13,376.86 outage hours). This does not include outage on December 11, 2015.
- The Flying M project was completed on February 5, 2015 at a cost of \$74,950.00.
- Williams Canyon/South Road reconductor was completed on February 13, 2015.
- RBC Tree crews worked together on the Mist 115 KV line cleaning up trees that were burning on the transmission line on the north end of the tap, which was an area the crews had to walk in and climb the trees. They did a great job and had the trees cleared out within a week with no incidents. One crew is back at Hagg Lake clearing that ROW. The other is working on the Timber circuit.
- Osmose started their pole inspection on February 9, 2015. They are starting in Olney and then working their way into Vernonia.
- To be in compliance with the OSHA ruling for 100% fall arrest system when climbing poles or steel structures by April 1, 2015 WOEC has gone with the Cynch-Lok system. We have ordered the necessary equipment for the Linemen required to have it.
- The new Metering Van should be ready for delivery by the end of February. Truck 54 will have the replacement box from Altec by February 23, 2015 then Terex says it will take a week to assemble everything and then return it to us.

The safety meeting & safety committee meetings were held on February 5, 2015. The minutes were reviewed and accepted by the Chair

SAFETY MEETING

Upon motion by Jim Buxton and seconded by Dan Murphy, Policy #102, *Strategic Planning And Goals*, Policy #401, *Cash Investments*, Policy #211, *Employee Holiday And Leave Privileges*, Policy #112, *Audit Committee Of The Board Of Directors* & Policy #203, *Compensation Administration*, were accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY REVIEW #102, #401, #211, #112 & # 203

A discussion took place regarding the impacts and benefits to WOEC and the public of the proposed natural gas pipeline that would run through WOEC's service territory.

PROPOSED PIPELINE

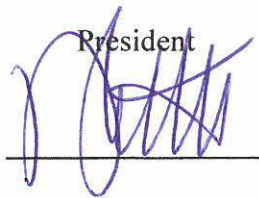
Director Paleck provided a handout from Northwest River Partners and a discussion was held regarding the reintroduction of anadromous fish above Chief Joseph and Grande Coulee Dams. A report was given on status and potential options for the Chipotle property. He also reported that the proposed sale of the Coffin Butte Project to PNGC is progressing.

PRC-PNGC

Adjourned 8:50 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Approved:

President


Secretary

