

MINUTES



**Tanner Electric Cooperative
Board of Directors
March Board Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
TEC North Bend Headquarters**

In Attendance

Member

Carol Paschal; David McGoldrick; Dutch Siedentopf; John Saatela; Kristina Michael; Mike Hodge; Roger Guay; Steve Nicholes

Not In Attendance

Member

Susan Serrette-Egan

A. ROLL CALL

The Board President took roll and Director Susan Serrette-Egan was absent

1. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

B. CALL TO ORDER

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

Move: Kristina Michael Second: Roger Guay Status: Passed

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

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

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

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

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

Move: Roger Guay Second: Kristina Michael Status: Passed

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

Move: Roger Guay Second: Dutch Siedentopf Status: Passed

D. FINANCIAL REVIEW

1. Funds Disbursement List
2. Arrears List
3. Balance Sheet
4. YTD Financials
5. MTD Sales by Class
6. **Action Item** - Receive the Financial Reports

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

E. REPORTS

1. CEO Report
 - a. WRECA Annual Meeting June 5-7 in Richland WA
 - b. CFC Forum June 19-21 in Seattle
 - c. Re-Schedule June Board Meeting
The TEC June Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 20, 2023, and conflicts with the CFC Forum. The alternative date is Thursday, June 22nd.
 - d. Touchstone ACSI Survey
 - e. Low-Income Energy Assistance 2023 Legislative Report
Commerce released its first Low-Income Energy Assistance 2023 Legislative Report (73-page report) this weekend. The information was part of the 2019 CETA bill, which became RCW 19.405 and the biennial reporting requirement. The report is lengthy, but the attached Executive Summary is a good resource for you to be familiar with, as it could be a driving influence for future utility legislation.
2. Operations Report
Mr. Himebauch prepared a written report, and distributed it to the Board as an attachment to the agenda.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance & Audit
Nothing new to report at this time. The Chair and Director of Finance will coordinate calendars and schedule a committee meeting for April.
 - b. New Technology & Conservation
Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. Board Nominating Committee
Action Item - Mr. Guay recommended to the Board to rescind the provision in Article IV, Sec 2 of the bylaws that limit the President to serving one, two-year term. The motion passed, and General Counsel will draft the revised language to be inserted into the bylaws to reflect that officers shall be elected annually and to eliminate the term limit of two years.
Move: Roger Guay Second: David McGoldrick Status: Passed

- d. Personnel - Nothing new to report at this time.
- e. Youth Development

Mr. Siedentopf suggested a change to Article V, Section 9 (c) of the TEC bylaws that define the role and responsibilities of the Youth Development Committee, CEO, and the Board. The CEO was asked to consult with his colleagues and inquire about the role of their Youth Development Committees. TEC's General Counsel will draft some new language to support the Chair's recommendation and bring it back to the Board for review and discussion.

4. General Counsel Report

General Counsel Mr. Merkel updated the Board on recent activities related to the King County ROW Ordinance 18403. This month, there were no significant developments concerning the King County Franchise Rent issue. King County has a new staff person in charge of Franchise renewal and rental issues. She has not responded to letters and information requests by utilities involved in the lawsuit against King County.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Action Item** - Approve TEC Members Service Policies #401-406
Move: John Saatela Second: Steve Nicholes Status: Passed

G. ADJOURN MEETING

The TEC March 2023 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:43 p.m.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION