

MINUTES



**Tanner Electric Cooperative
TEC Board of Directors
January Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
TEC Administration Office North Bend WA**

In Attendance

Member

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

Staff

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

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1. Establish a Quorum

The Board President, Michael Hodge called the January TEC Board meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Following roll call a quorum was established.

2. Action Item - Approve the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made to accept and approve the meeting agenda for January 16, 2024, as presented.

Motion: to approve the January 16, 2024 Board of Director's meeting agenda as presented.

Move: Steve Nicholes Second: Carol Paschal Status: Passed

3. Executive Session

The TEC Board meeting was suspended at 3:15 p.m. and the Board went into an executive session. At 4:00 p.m., the executive session was adjourned, and the TEC Board meeting was reconvened.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- New Memberships/New Construction List
- Monthly Outage Reports
- TEC Dec 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- TEC DEC 2023 Summary Board Minutes for Ruralite

Approval that the Dec 2023 Board minutes may be summarized and printed in the Ruralite.

2. Action Item - Receive the Consent Agenda items as presented.

A motion was made to receive the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion: to receive the consent agenda as presented on January 16, 2024.

Move: Kristina Michael Second: Dutch Siedentopf Status: Passed

3. TEC Directors-Discussion on Northwest River Partners

Motion to join NW River partners in 2024 as allocated in the budget and educate ourselves on both opinions on removing the dams as we advance into the year.

One nay was on the vote was recognized.

Move: Steve Nicholes Second: David McGoldrick Status: Passed

4. Member Service Policy Reveiw

a. Policy 501-Member Easements

Joel will explain some of the edit questions from a Board Member.

b. Policy 502 Right to Access TEC Facilities

c. Policy 503 Member Responsibility to TEC Facilities

d. Policy 521 Line and Facilities Relocate

There were no revisions made to this policy by staff and Joel, so there is only a clean version to view.

5. Action Item - Accept and Approve Member Service Policies

Motion to accept and approve the member service policies 501, 502,503, and 521 as modified today during the meeting.

Move: Dutch Siedentopf Second: Malcolm Lybeck Status: Passed

C. FINANCIAL REVIEW

1. Funds Disbursement List - Kevin Burns

2. Arrears List

3. YTD Financials

4. MTD_YTD Sales By Class

5. Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet - N/A too early in the month. Kevin will provide one towards the end of the month.

6. Action Item - Receive and file the financial reports as presented.

Motion to receive the preliminary December 2023 financials as presented today. Mr. Burns will update the final numbers at the end of the month.

Move: Carol Paschal Second: David McGoldrick Status: Passed

7. Other Informational Items

Outage Management System texting and emails

The Board was informed that the NISC Outage Management System is now capable of texting and emailing outage notifications to the members who are signed up for this option on Smarthub.

D. REPORTS

1. CEO Report - Steven Walter
2. WRECA Legislative Rally in Olympia on January 29 & 30, 2024.

The CEO, Mr. Walter and the Operations Manager, Mr. Himebauch, will be participating in the rally and will travel to Olympia to meet with our elected legislators.

- a. BPA's Preliminary Rate Assessment and Phase 2 of the Columbia River Salmon Funding Plan
 - b. America's Electric Cooperatives PAC
 - c. CFC Rate Study Update
 - d. EV Rate and Adoption White Paper
3. Operations Report - Nick Himebauch

Mr. Himebach prepared a written project update for the Board, which was attached to the agenda for their review. During the meeting, he addressed any questions or comments related to his report.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Audit - Carol Paschal, Chair

The Finance committee will meet on Feb 20th to discuss loan repricing.

- 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

The Chair will work on scheduling a committee meeting for March, and in the meantime, he will email the members with some items for discussion.

5. Director Area Reports

Nothing to report for this month.

6. Other Reports

- a. General Counsel Report - Joel Merkel

Nothing new to report this month.

E. NEW BUSINESS

No new business for this meeting.

F. ADJOURN MEETING

Following no further business, Mr. Hodge adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.