

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Salem Electric Board of Directors  
27 February 2024                      6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Salem Electric Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Anderson. Directors present: Jeff Anderson, Jan Bargaen, Dave Bauer, Tim Klarr, John Taylor, Joe Van Meter, and Angie Villery. Staff members present: Tony Schacher, General Manager; Chris Kriek, Administrative Services Manager; and Randi Johnson, Executive Assistant. (A list of the members, employees, and guests in attendance is in the Supplemental Minutes Book.)
2. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS: Member comments regarded cybersecurity.
3. MEETING AGENDA: **MOTION** made by Bauer, seconded by Klarr, and **carried unanimously** to approve the Meeting Agenda.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: **MOTION** made by Van Meter, seconded by Bargaen, and **carried unanimously** to approve the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items D – Financial Report, Item E – Engineering and Operations Report, and Item F – Member Services Report.
5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR: Item D: questions regarded line 1 on the balance sheet and the checks written report. Item E: questions regarded the year-to-date actual expenditures for pole replacements and general system improvements. Item F: questions regarded the distributed generation, beneficial electrification, and credit review reports. **MOTION** made by Taylor, seconded by Bargaen, and **carried unanimously** to approve Items D, E, and F.
6. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

2024 Budget Adjustments – Action: Kriek reviewed budget adjustments to the 2024 budget. He noted that a significant change is an increase in depreciation rates, largely due to an industry change in utility plant costs and material salvage value. This is a non-cash adjustment and will reduce margins. **MOTION** made by Bargaen, seconded by Van Meter, and **carried unanimously** to approve the 2024 budget adjustments.

Policy Committee Recommendation – Action: Villery presented committee recommendations for changes to the Board Consultants policy and noted that the policy outlines a transparent and progressive process to access board consultants. Discussion followed. **MOTION** made by Villery, seconded by Klarr, and **passed with five in favor, and one opposed** to approve the policy as presented. (A copy of the recommendation is in the Supplemental Minutes Book.)

NRECA Resolutions – Information: Van Meter noted that he has reviewed the proposed resolutions and did not receive additional input from other directors.
7. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Department Reports:

Engineering and Operations: Schacher discussed two recent vehicle/pole accidents.

Manager's Report:

Schacher stated that Sydney Moneke, a student at West Salem High School, was selected as Salem Electric's delegate for the 2024 NRECA Youth Tour. He noted that the co-op is working with a general service member to install a 397.7 kW rooftop solar system. Schacher discussed the future of the Federal Columbia River Power System and noted that Oregon consumer-owned utilities held a conference call with the Governor's office to express concerns about the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative. The Board had significant discussion about the future of power supply in the region. Schacher highlighted February employee service anniversaries.

Outside Meeting Reports: Taylor discussed his participation in the New Directors Conference. Anderson and Bauer discussed their participation at a recent NWPPA Government Relations Committee meeting. Klarr suggested that directors coordinate schedules to maximize attendance at the numerous breakout sessions offered during the upcoming NRECA PowerXchange Conference.

8. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS: None.
9. NEW BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER: Schacher stated that the co-op is working to obtain permits from the City of Salem for the eastside warehouse facility. He presented Resolution 02-27-24, which would authorize Schacher to enter into agreements for the procurement, design, and permitting of the facility. **MOTION** made by Villery, seconded by Van Meter, to approve the resolution. Discussion followed. **MOTION** amended by Van Meter, seconded by Bauer, **passed with four in favor, and three opposed. AMENDED MOTION** to approve the resolution authorizing Schacher to enter into agreements for the procurement, design, and permitting of the eastside facility project and the projects on 7th Street NW and 9th Street NW **carried unanimously.** (A copy of the recommendation is in the Supplemental Minutes Book.)
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.
11. ADJOURN: With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Dave Bauer, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved Pursuant to Board Action on  
March 20, 2024

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Jeff Anderson, President

SALEM ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
6:00 p.m.                      Tuesday                      February 27, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS (5 minutes per member)
3. MEETING AGENDA (Approve)
4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Approve)
  - A. Minutes of Prior Meetings
    - January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting.....1-4
  - B. Acceptance of new members (147)
  - C. Release of members no longer taking service (145)
  - D. Financial Report .....5-13
  - E. Engineering & Operations Report .....14-19
  - F. Member Services Report .....20-22
  - G. Director Remuneration Forms .....23-34
5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR (Approve)
6. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS
  - 2024 Budget Adjustments – Action (Krieck).....35-38
  - Policy Committee Recommendations – Action (Villery)
    - Board Consultants.....39-43
  - NRECA Resolutions (Information) – Van Meter
7. MONTHLY REPORTS
  - Department Updates
  - Manager’s Report (Schacher)
  - Outside Meetings Reports (Directors)
8. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED MEMBERS (5 minutes per member)
9. NEW BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. ADJOURN (Next Meeting: March 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m. For upcoming agenda items, refer to the Annual Agenda Items Calendar on Call to Order (Documents, Board Meeting General).