BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2010

President Craig Boesel called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc., to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Richard Erickson, Ken Westman, Don "Bud" Hover, Lee Pilkinton, Jeremy "Nim" Titcomb, Frank Kline, Dick Garing, Evan "Deed" Fink and Craig Boesel.

Attending: Ray Ellis; General Manager, Lynn Northcott; Office Manager, Don Clutter; Engineering and Lynn Miller; Propane Manager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested to skip the Managers Report until after the 2010 Budget Review.

Lee Pilkinton motioned to approve the changes to the agenda. Second. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ken Westman motioned to approve the December 23, 2009 board meeting minutes as presented. Second. Carried.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. 2010 Budget Review.

General Manger Ray Ellis handed out the Draft 2010 Work Plan and Operating Budget to the directors for review. Ray reminded the directors that the 2009 rate increase was to cover wholesale power rate increases for 2009. Ray presented 5 scenarios for 2010 rates. All 5 scenarios have the 5 kw minimum demand removed. There was discussion on second service rates. Ray suggested that a second service that uses less than 5 kw demand and under 500 kwh a month have a lesser base rate.

Don Hover motioned to do away with the 5 kw minimum demand charge and create a lesser rate for second services such as a pump. Second. Carried.

The policy will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

In reviewing the budget Ray noted that there were no wage increases for employee and the employees opted for a high deductible insurance plan to keep the escalating cost of insurance to a minimum.

There was discussion on setting an Equity goal. It was decided to put Equity Goal on the agenda in a future meeting.

Don Hover motioned to remove donations from the Budget. Second. Carried.

Don Hover motioned to drop the $150.00 membership to the Winthrop Chamber. Second. Carried.

Don Hover motioned to adopt the 2010 Work Plan and Operating Budget as amended. Second. Carried.

Don Hover motioned to adopt scenario #5, $40 base charge, $1.00 kw charge and .0500 kwh charge. Second. Carried.

Lee Pilkinton and Deed Fink departed at this time.

There was discussion on a Press Release to get this information out to the membership. Ray stated that the Co-op Update is scheduled for release this month or the beginning of next. Ray was given direction to get this information into the update.

Don Hover departed at this time.

2. PNGC Update.

General Manager Ray Ellis gave an update on PNGC activities and committee meetings.

Supervisors Gary Wilson and Don Clutter arrived at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Don – Engineering – Don gave an update on system improvements and employee training.
2. Gary – Line Crew - Gary reported on tree trimming and stated that the Thumper has arrived and there will be training on the Thumper next week.
3. Lynn Northcott – Office – Lynn stated the annual audit is in progress. The auditor should be done with field work this week.

Supervisors Gary Wilson and Don Clutter departed at this time.

Back to items of Business

3. Special Membership Meeting Discussion.

Due to 3 of the board members being absent it was felt that a special meeting be set to discuss Special Membership Meeting concerns. The meeting was tentatively set for February 3, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

4. Set Annual Meeting Date.

   The Annual Meeting was set for April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

5. Capital Credit Allocation.

Table to Special Meeting.

ELECTRIC BUSINESS

The un-audited 2009 financial were tabled to the special meeting.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PNGC – Portland OR – Jan 4th & 5th – Ray.
2. PNGC – Congressional Lunch – Portland OR – Jan 18th – Ray.

MEETINGS TO ATTEND

1. Legislative Session – Olympia WA – Feb 4th & 5th – Ray, Ken & Richard.
2. PNGC – Portland OR – Feb 8th & 9th – Ray.
3. NWPPA – Frontline Leadership – Reno NV – Feb 22nd – 25th – Wayne.

NEW MEMBERS

Nim Titcomb motioned to accept the new members. Second. Carried.

The Regular Monthly meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Richard Erickson, Secretary