**BOARD MINUTES**

February 17, 2010

President Craig Boesel called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc., to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Absent: Don "Bud" Hover and Ken Westman.

Attending: Ray Ellis; General Manager, Lynn Northcott; Office Manager and Gary Wilson Line Foreman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Nim Titcomb motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Second. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Nim Titcomb motioned to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2010 as written. Second. Carried.

Lee Pilkinton motioned to approve the February 01, 2010 Special Board meeting minutes as presented. Second. Carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**
**Supervisors Reports**

1. Don – engineering – Don was unable to attend.
2. Gary – Line Crew – Gary discussed the Wolf Creek upgrade. Gary stated that Jesse Davis has been hired full time as of February 1, 2010 in a apprentice lineman position. Gary also discussed tree trimming and answered question from the directors.
3. Lynn – Office - Lynn answered questions from the directors regarding the audit and the round-up program.

## ELECTRIC BUSINESS

1. Form 7 – Audited December 31, 2009 – Reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
2. Form 7 – January 2010 – Reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
3. Statement of Operations – December 2009 and January 2010 – Reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
4. Status of Funds – December 2009 and January 2010 – reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
5. Revolving Loan Fund – December 2009 and January 2010 – reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
6. Power & Service Data – December 2009 and January 2010 – reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
7. Outage Report – Reviewed and a copy attached hereto.
8. Update on Operations – Ray discussed the Coop newsletter that will be going out. Ray has set a conservation committee meeting for Friday February 19th at 1:30 in the board room. The volunteers so far are Ellen Laminam, Mel Hartwig, Roger Rowatt, Dune Ives and Betsy Cushman. The employees that will be attending are Don, Gina and Ray.

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Pick Nomination Committee.

The directors came up with a list of 23 members to have staff call.

2. PNGC Update.

Ray Ellis gave an update on PNGC activities and committee meetings. Ray also stated that PNGC has formed a committee called the "Wheeler Interest Group". Ray asked for Director volunteers to serve on the committee. There will be a webinar on February 24th , 25th or 26th, plus a Strategic Planning meeting in Portland on March 24th, 25th or 26th .

For the February webinar Frank, Craig and Richard volunteered. Ken Westman was also selected to be on the committee.

Ray stated that he will call the directors with the date that is selected.

Craig requested to move item of business 3. Special Membership meeting until after 4. Policies.

4. Signatures on the Following Policies:

Frank Kline motioned to sign Policy No. 30-105 as presented. Second. Carried.

There was discussion on the wording "Demand" on the policies. Some felt the correct wording is System Distribution Charge or Capacity. After discussion it was decided to footnote on the consumer bills "Capacity = Demand".

Lee Pilkinton motioned to sign Policy No. 30-110 as presented. Second. Carried.

Frank Kline motioned to sign Policy No. 30-140 as presented. Second. Carried.

Lee Pilkinton motioned to sign Policy No. 30-150 as presented. Second. Carried.

3. Special Membership Meeting concerns.

After discussion Frank Kline motioned to form a committee to give Policy recommendations to the Board for open board meetings. Second. Carried.

Nim, Dick and Frank volunteered and they selected Don Hover to also serve on the committee.

Member access to information. To date the staff has put all policies, other than employee policies on the website plus Board meeting minutes once they are approved by the board. The Budget is being prepared to put on the website. In reviewing other Washington State Cooperative's OCEC has more information posted on the website than any of the other 9 Cooperatives.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

1. Legislative Session – Olympia WA – Feb 4th – Ray, Ken & Richard attended.
2. Legislative Visit – Olympia WA – Feb 8th – Ray attended.
3. PNGC – Portland OR – Feb 8th & 9th – Ray.

**MEETINGS TO ATTEND**

1. Cooper Regulator Control Class – Spokane WA – Feb 17th & 18th – Don, Doug, Chris & Dan.
2. NWPPA – Frontline Leadership – Reno NV – Feb 22nd – 25th – Wayne.
3. PNGC – Portland OR – March 1st & 2nd – Ray.
4. PPC – Portland OR – March 3rd – Ray.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Lee Pilkinton motioned to accept the new members. Second. Carried.

Lee motioned to adjourn the Regular Monthly meeting at 2:43 pm.

Richard Erickson, Secretary