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COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADDRESSES MEMBER CONCERNS AND ACCEPTS BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION AT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Members of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) packed the board room to discuss issues ranging from renewable energy to transmission line upgrades for the regularly-scheduled CCEC meeting of the Board of Directors. In a prepared statement after the open public meeting, board member David Itzen asked the board to accept his resignation. President/Chairman of the Board Daryl Robison read Itzen's statement: "It is with sincere regret that I tender my resignation as Treasurer of the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board and my resignation as Board member of CCEC effective as of this moment. I certainly have enjoyed the challenges of the job and the associations with other Board members, staff of CCEC, and member-owners over the years. I thank the members again for the opportunity to serve as a Board Member of CCEC," The Board of Directors accepted the resignation with regret and asked Itzen to reconsider. He replied that he had already made his decision and concluded by wishing the Board of Directors well. The Board thanked Itzen for his service to the membership. "David has been a valuable asset to the cooperative and we will miss his knowledge and expertise," said Robison.

Member Bill Waddle presented a petition to change the CCEC by-laws on behalf of the Committee for Fair Co-op Representation (CFFCR). The petition had the following suggestions:

1. The board of directors shall immediately be increased to seven with at least one of these members to be added to the Brookings-Harbor area.

2. The number of board members shall be determined on the basis of membership within each of the districts of the cooperative and no one director shall represent more than 2,500 member-owners.
3. Board members shall be nominated and elected solely by a vote of the member-owners in the district they represent.
4. In the event this bylaw change is enacted, the cooperative board of directors will hold a special election within 60 days to nominate and elect new board members.
5. Boundaries of existing co-op districts will remain the same.
6. The board shall update owner-membership figures on which to base director positions in February 2008. Adjustments will be made every three years after that.
7. Each member-owner will have one vote in the district where their residential service meter is located, known as their "primary meter." In the event the member-owner's only meter is at a business or other location, they can with board permission name that as their "primary meter."
8. Where the number of member-owners per district creates a situation where it is not possible to declare one full directorship per district, the board shall declare a director position to be "at-large" and that position shall be voted on by the member-owners from those districts.
9. The signers of this petition welcome an opportunity to cooperate with the legal counsel for CCEC to work out necessary details to get this proposal ready for the ballot. It is our request that the CCEC board of directors place these bylaw change proposals on the mailed ballot of the 2007 annual meeting.

Members signing the petition respectively urged the CCEC Board to immediately act on the request, especially in light of the recent decision to put construction funding on hold for the final ten miles of the transmission line. The petition ended with a statement that the petitioners "want to continue to be a part of CCEC and to work with its board of directors in a spirit of cooperation, but if the time comes when they feel the community's electric service is being jeopardized they may have to seek other measures."

After hearing from members at the Brookings/Harbor community forum and a lengthy discussion in the board meeting regarding the engineering studies and recommendation to continue the rebuild of CCEC's transmission line from Gold Beach to Brookings/Harbor, the Board of Directors elected to establish a member committee to address the issue in more detail. President/Chairman of the Board Robison indicated that the Board had not established ground rules for the committee; but they suggested no more than 9 members be asked to participate. "We want fair representation without having a committee that will be too large to manage," he stated. The Board of Directors asked member Ed Goodell to find willing participants and bring his recommendations to the Board by March 9th. President/Chairman of the Board Robison cautioned that members participating in the transmission line committee may be asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement since they may be dealing with sensitive information. Robison further stated that the Board would seek legal counsel's recommendations for forming the committee and in identifying any non-disclosure requirements.

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About Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) was founded in 1939 by a group of Coos County, Oregon, residents who wanted central-station electricity in their area. Today, the nonprofit cooperative has more than 14,000 members 17,000 meters in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties, and more than 1,500 miles of line, including almost 53 miles of transmission line, between Gold Beach and Brookings. CCEC serves the rural populations east and south of Coos Bay in Coos County and all of Curry County except for the town of Langlois. Headquartered in Port Orford, Oregon, CCEC has area business offices in Port Orford, Coquille, Gold Beach and Brookings.