COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors September 26, 2024

1. **PRELIMINARY**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative,

Inc. (CCEC) was called to order at 10:19 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, by

President Jim Kolen, in the conference room at the CCEC Port Orford office, Port Orford,

Oregon.

Director Herzog called roll and stated a quorum was present, including Directors

Cockerham, Kolen, Loshbaugh, McMahan, Radabaugh and Robison. Also present were

Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) Brent Bischoff, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Paul

Keeler, Marketing & Member Services Manager (MMSM) Keith Buchhalter, BBI Vice-

President Marketing/Sales (VPMS) Bill Gerski, BBI Customer Service Director (CSD)

Scott Paul, Guest Joe Franell, and Executive Assistant (EA) Marie Coleman. General

Legal Counsel Tyler Pepple was in attendance via Webex video conference.

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as amended, the regular Board

meeting agenda and the motion carried unanimously.

٧. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

> D. **BBI Update**

> > BBI VPMS Gerski gave an update on BBI's progress. Topics included

growth goal exceeded, subscriber analysis and count, sequential marketing steps,

community involvement, customer loyalty, employee recognition, and benefits to

CCEC. VPMS Gerski answered questions and concluded his update.

Bill Gerski, Scott Paul and Joe Franell departed the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

I. PRELIMINARY (cont.)

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as presented, the minutes of the

August 27, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion carried

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H. **MEMBER PARTICIPATION**

> Member Attendance and Open Comment Period A.

> > No members were present for the open comment period.

Member Request to Present

No members requested to present to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA III.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Items A through E under the consent

agenda, to-wit: the list of new members for 08/2024; the members purge list for 09/2024,

the write off report for 08/2024, the GM/CEO's & Directors' expenses for 08/2024, and

the attorney's invoice. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

CFO Keeler reviewed the Financial Report for August 2024. Operating revenues

year to date through August are \$740K under budget and \$318K higher than the prior

year to date. The year-to-date cost of purchased power is \$644K under budget and

\$1.16M lower than the prior year to date. As of August 31, 2024, equity as a percentage

of total assets was 45.26%. kWh sold to consumers and used by CCEC for August 2024

are 2.53% lower than the August 2023 sales. Year-to-date net margins are lower than

budgeted and lower than the prior year to date.

The September safety report was reviewed. GM/CEO Bischoff reviewed the

September 11 electrical contact event involving a Key Line employee who was installing

Beacon fiber on a CCEC pole. He was transported to Bay Area hospital in Coos Bay

where he was released after undergoing examination and physician consultation with the

Emmanual Burn Center. The results of the investigation confirm there were no safety

protocol violations. Key Line is modifying their installation process to prevent adding new

strain on CCEC poles. The September training topic was enclosed/confined space vault

rescue.

The CCECF report was reviewed. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library enrollment

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virtual Fall class began on September 25th. Mark Duvall is facilitating the class. The

CCECF 2025 STEM fair planning is underway, with notices sent to all 5th-8th grade

teachers in our service territories to gage interest. The foundation participated in the Sixes

River Fire Auxiliary (SRFA) Hometown Heroes Fair & 5K Walk/Run fundraiser in place of

hosting the annual Safety Expo. 57 free bicycle helmets were given to participating

children, \$72.00 was raised for SRFA utilizing our popcorn machine, and 13 new

enrollments to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program were processed from this

event.

The CEO Report was reviewed. Topics included wholesale power, the power

system, industry associations, and personnel.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS (cont.)

A. Committee Reports

Policy Committee - Policy committee chair, Director McMahan, advised that,

earlier in a committee meeting, the committee discussed the policies and/or rate

schedules for review, proposed new, revised, or rescinded language.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following proposed,

revised policies:

• Policy #100-120 Selection of Consultants, Contractors, & Material

Purchases - as amended, and the motion carried with 1 against

(Cockerham).

Policy #100-310 Antitrust Compliance Policy – as presented, and

the motion carried.

Policy #200-070 Delegation of Authority by the Board of Directors to

the GM/CEO - as presented, and the motion carried.

Policy #300-090 Prepay Program - as presented, and the motion

carried.

B. <u>10-year Financial Forecast</u>

CFO Keeler presented CCEC's updated 10-year financial forecast for

electric operations. The forecast considers power requirements and rates,

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operating revenues, operating expenses, plant investment, and other factors. It

also includes debt and debt service; it does not include Beacon Broadband. CFO

Keeler went on to discuss the reason for a financial forecast, the assumptions

used in the forecast and concluded with the executive summary.

C. EV Charging Program

MMSM Buchhalter presented an update on CCEC's EV charging pilot

project. Topics included off-peak home charging, who qualifies, program

requirements, current members participating, impacts on peak conditions and

system stability, and EV versus Non-EV energy profiles. MMSM Buchhalter

answered questions and concluded his report.

E. BoardPag Migration to BoardEffect

EA Marie Coleman updated the board on the transition from BoardPaq to

the new meeting portal, BoardEffect. We will begin using BoardEffect for the

November 21st board meeting. There is a training session, which will cover both

the web and iPad applications, being offered on October 17th at 11:00 a.m. for

board members and executives. Registration is required.

F. Open Discussion

Director Herzog received an email that stated the momentum of The

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM's) plan to lease approximately

200,000 acres of our south coast near shore waters for industrial electric energy

production is disintegrating.

G. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

1. ORECA Engineering and Operations Meeting – CCEC staff will be

attending

2. ORECA Annual Meeting, Salem, OR - GM/CEO Bischoff and

Directors Herzog, Kolen and Radabaugh will be attending.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Following a lunch break, the Board went into an executive session at 12:57 p.m. to discuss member issues, contract matters and employee issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

VII. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024, at CCEC's office in Port Orford, Oregon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

John Herzog, Secret

ATTEST:

Jim Kolen, President