COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 25, 2021

I. **PRELIMINARY** 

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

Inc. (CCEC) was called to order at 10:22 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021, by President

John Herzog, in the conference room at CCEC Headquarters office, Port Orford, Oregon.

This meeting was offered via video conference for board members electing to attend

remotely due to social distancing as a result of COVID-19.

Secretary Kolen called roll showing all directors in attendance and stated a quorum

was present. Also present were General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO)

Brent Bischoff, Marketing & Member Services Manager Jacob Knudsen, and Executive

Assistant Shelly Smith-Napier. Director McMahan and General Legal Counsel Tyler

Pepple were in attendance by Webex video conferencing.

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

meeting agenda and the motion carried unanimously.

President Herzog advised the Board that no member had applied, under P#300-

030, to attend the Board meeting and speak to the Board.

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

February 25, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion carried

unanimously.

II. **CONSENT AGENDA** 

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

agenda, to-wit: the list of new members for 02/2021; the members purge list for 03/2021,

the GM/CEO's & Directors' expenses for 02/2021; and CCEC's attorney invoices. The

motion carried unanimously.

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III. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Brian Cassoday arrived at 10:26 a.m. and

gave the financial report for February. Operating revenue was 17% higher than budget.

Cost of purchased power was over budget by roughly 4%. It is anticipated Construction

Work in Progress (CWIP) will be reducing by roughly half in the next couple of months

due to the close out of TWACS works orders. No long-term debt has been drawn this

month. During February CCEC received payment from PNGC for the Capital Term

Certificate and payment from BPA for the sale of the Gold Beach Substation property.

Interim CFO Cassoday departed at 10:32 a.m.

The February outage reports were reviewed. Brookings Line B12 had a significant

outage from a pine tree than fell into the line.

The February asset disposal list was reviewed. Meters are being disposed of and

replaced with new TWACS meters.

The February Write Off report was reviewed.

The March safety report was reviewed. There were no accidents or incidents to

report.

The February Tree Trimming report was reviewed. We are ahead of budget due to

reasonably good weather for work this time of year.

The Coos-Curry Electric Charitable Foundation's Financial Peace University

program has completed its 3<sup>rd</sup> session. There are 10 attendees who have cut up 30 credit

cards and are cumulatively working to pay off \$350K in debt.

CCEC's new Chief Financial Officer is scheduled to being work on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Interviews for the Operations Manager position will be held next week.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

**A.** Wholesale Power Issues (BPA, PNGC Power and PPC)

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Mr. Bischoff gave an overview of the blackout events in Texas that occurred

mid-February. The overview was based on a presentation by PNGC CEO Roger

Gray given at the March 3 PNGC education session.

BPA is calling their post 2028 contract "Provider of Choice". The initial

learnings reveal that BPA intends to continue with it's suite of offerings with no

substantial changes. BPA anticipates contract negotiations around 2025 whereas

PNGC desires negotiations in 2022-2023 to have time to search for and secure

other resources by 2028 in the event PNGC does not remain a full-service

customer of BPA.

В. Committee Reports

Policy Committee - The chair of the policy review committee, Director Kolen,

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 #100-020 Purpose of Policies, Origin, Development &

Amendment – as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

• Policy #100-050 Attorney Policy – as amended, and the motion

carried unanimously.

• Policy #100-070 Check Signing - as amended, and the motion

carried unanimously.

• Policy #100-090 Operating Budget - as amended, and the motion

carried unanimously.

• Policy #300-060 Line Construction Policy – as presented, and the

motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee - The chair of the audit committee, Director Robison,

stated the committee will request RFP's from the following independent audit firms

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for the upcoming year end audit period 2022-2024.

• Blodgett Mickelsen & Adamson

Bollinger, Segars Gilbert & Moss

DeCoria, Blair & Teague

Kenneth Kuhns & Co

Moss Adams

C. 2020 Year End Audit Presentation by Brandon Tregellas of DeCoria, Blair

& Teague (DB&T)

Earlier during the audit committee meeting the 2020 audit report was

given by Certified Public Accountant Brandon Tregellas of DB&T. Interim Chief

Financial Officer Brian Cassoday was also in attendance. Mr. Tregellas reviewed

the consolidated financial statements that include CCEC's new subsidiary,

Beacon Broadband, Inc. The audit focused on utility plant, inventory, post

retirement obligations, liabilities, equities and other assets on the balance sheet,

and margins, revenue, and expenses on the statement of operations. The report

of independent auditor, financial reports, and the compliance reports on internal

controls and loan fund expenditures were reviewed. The auditors issued a clean

audit report. Staff departed at 9:53 a.m. and the Board discussed the audit with

Tregellas. Staff returned at 10:10 a.m., and Tregellas departed at 10:12 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as presented by Tregellas,

the 2020 CCEC Year End Audit Report. The motion was seconded and

unanimously carried.

CFC One Card Presentation (Brian Cassoday, Interim CFO) D.

Interim CFO Cassoday returned at 11:21 a.m. to present a new

credit card program, CFC/US Bank One Card, for use on larger CCEC

COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and Beacon Broadband purchases. Each year the program is eligible for an annual cash rebate from US Bank. Next steps are to request a card limit and a CFC board resolution for consideration by the Board. Cassoday departed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

## E. <u>CCEC Annual Meeting Format</u>

Discussion was had about the format of the 2021 CCEC annual meeting. The Board has decided the 2021 annual meeting will also be made available virtually to members. Staff will advertise the 2021 virtual format to the membership.

## F. Open Discussion

None

# G. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

**1.** Bank of America Business Card – Administrative Changes

Administrative staff on the Bank of America Business card will be updated to remove Frank Corrales, Jr and Glenda Park and replace them with incoming CFO Paul Keeler and EA Shelly Smith-Napier effective April 5, 2021.

### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular Board meeting adjourned to an executive session at 11:38 a.m. to discuss member issues, contract matters, and employee issues. The regular Board meeting reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

#### VI. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at CCEC's office in Port Orford, Oregon.

	/s/ Jim Kolen	
	Jim Kolen, Secretary	
ATTEST:		
/s/ John Herzog		
John Herzog, President		

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.