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**BLACHLY-LANE COUNTY COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 22, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was held at the cooperative office, 90680 Hwy 99, Eugene, Oregon. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m., following the board workshop. The following were present:

Thomas C. Irwin III	-- Chairman
Bob Sikes	-- Vice Chairman
Ernie Jacksch	-- Sec/Treasurer
Jon Swanzy	-- Director
Cliff Kelley	-- Director
Bud Tracy	-- General Manager
Mary Locke	-- Manager of Office Services
Jami Bartunek	-- Manager of Financial Services
Greg Gardner	-- Manager of Operations
Joe McFadden	-- Manager of Key Accounts
Mary Cirks	-- Administrative Assistant
Dan Kessler	-- CFC Representative

**AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** Comments were discussed. The board was informed that any problems are taken care of immediately.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items specifically discussed from the consent agenda were disbursements, work orders, and staff reports. Checks discussed were the CRC renewable fund through PNGC, and pending closure to the solar project. Discussion was held on the passion felt for members that can't pay their bill and yet treating all members equal; the error BLEC made of not charging out for the removal of the pole that a car hit; the work plan being moved out a few months, and the upcoming strategic planning session.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**FINANCIALS:** Manager of Finance Jami Bartunek reported that with the capital credit retirement included, we are at a 60% equity level; line loss is 1% less than last year at

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this time; more member receivable dollars are in the past due column than last year which shows the state of the economy is affecting us; and more members are using the BLES program.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financials as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

**SAFETY REPORT:** Discussion was held on the fire that melted the wiring harness under the dash in a truck. The safety trailer went to Springfield for a career fair; the May safety meeting had many absences due to a scheduling problem.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the safety report as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

**PNGC/PRC REPORT:** Manager Tracy reported on the PNGC board meeting and strategic planning session. The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission is looking at Boardman's plan for emission control that could cost as much as \$510 million of which BLEC's price would be about 4% of PNGC ownership costs. Senate Bill 80 (Cap and Trade) is now dead. The Cap and Trade at the federal level appears to have lost momentum when a poll indicated 80% of consumers don't want any significant change to their electric bills. Transmission continues to be one of the biggest problems in the energy crisis. PNGC CEO John Prescott plans on being at the next BLEC board meeting to discuss the PNGC Strategic Planning goals at the workshop.

**ORECA REPORT:** There was no meeting this month. Discussion was held on a time for ORECA directors to attend the Manager's meeting, which are currently held separately.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Tracy certified with the board, line by line of the NRUCFC's Officer's Certificate of Compliance worksheet for 2008. The board reviewed Policy 629.00 (Use of Cell Phones) as it was presented by management.

After discussion, there was a motion and a second to defer the policy back to management to administer as an operational procedure instead of a policy. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Director Kelley is working on making appointments from District 5 and will make this appointment as it gets closer to the next AWARE committee meeting in September.

**NEW BUSINESS:** *Bylaws - - Article 3, Section 2 (b):* After short discussion,

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to re-instate Director Swanzy. Motion carried 5-0.

*Bylaw insertion:* Resolution 2009-01 states the Board of Directors directs that the word "married" be stricken from Article II, Sections 5 and 6, and from Article III, Section 2(b), of the bylaws as a clerical oversight and to give effect to the intent of the Cooperative's members in approving the bylaw changes at the May 2009 Annual Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2009-01.  
Motion carried 5-0.

*Director Report:* Director Kelley reported on the NRECA training he attended in Wyoming this past month.

*Calendar:* Director Swanzy, Director Sikes, Director Jacksch, and Director Kelley will schedule to attend the nuclear site tour at the Columbia Generation Site on August 28, 2009 in Washington State.

*BLEC Strategic Planning Session:* Staff will offer their input to the Board of Directors during the first phase of this planning session from 9 to noon on Friday, July 10 at Shadow Hills. The Directors and Manager Tracy will then proceed, from 1 to 4:30, to set BLEC's course for the next year.

*Audit Committee board member appointment:* Director Swanzy was appointed as the Board of Directors' representative to the Audit Committee. The Financial Advisor is Mr. Jim McLaughlin as designated by the Board of Directors.

FUTURE LOADS: Manager Tracy reported on these loads earlier in the meeting.

DIRECTOR ASSESSMENTS:

Comments: Good meeting.

Expenses: Expense reports were turned in.

Meeting Attendance: Director Sikes, Director Swanzy, Director Jacksch, and Director Kelley will be attending the Columbia Generating Station tour in Richland WA on August 28.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - - Executive session was held. Upon dismissal of executive session, the board instructed management to review the Work Plan and Budget for needs of the future and bring recommendations to the board next month.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10 p.m.

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Ernie Jacksch  
Board Secretary