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**BLACHLY-LANE COUNTY COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 22, 2010**

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 5:03 p.m., following the board workshop. The following were present:

Thomas C. Irwin III	-- Chairman	Bud Tracy	-- General Manager
Bob Sikes	-- Vice Chairman	Jami Bartunek	-- Mgr of Finance
Ernie Jacksch	-- Sec/Treasurer	Joe McFadden	-- Mgr of Key Accounts
Jon Swanzy	-- Director		
Cliff Kelley	-- Director	Greg Gardner	-- Operations Manager
Mary Cirks	-- Admin Assistant	Marlene Northrup	-- Audit Committee
Anita Rea	-- Audit Committee		
Trent Martin	-- Moss Adams Audit Firm	Heather Laurence	-- Moss Adams

AGENDA: Discussion was held regarding the time staff is dismissed at the meetings. Staff's participation at the meetings is important therefore, their presence will continue, except for executive sessions.

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

MEMBER COMMENTS: There were none.

AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENSE ISSUES: A new expense report, that includes credit card reporting, was presented to the Board of Directors for their input. Examples of eligible meeting attendance are meetings for BLEC, PNGC, NRECA, and ORECA. Economical travel, authorization to participate, and the requirement of receipts were discussed. Final improvements are to be made to the expense report.

AUDIT REPORT: The workshop, where questions were asked and answered, was held with Moss Adams representatives and the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will meet in April to formulate their recommendation to the Board of Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board of Directors reviewed the disbursements. Manager of Key Accounts McFadden informed the board of his visit with a consumer and between him and Manager of Operations Services Greg Gardner, shared with him how to improve his power factor. Manager of Operations Services Gardner reported only one pole was found rotten by Osmose; an insurance claim was not covered because there was no indication of negligence

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on BLEC's part.

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

FINANCIALS: Manager of Financial Services Jami Bartunek reported on debt vs equity, and where the money went for the year 2009, along with reviewing of the Cost of Service Analysis.

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

PNGC/PRC REPORT: Director Sikes reported on the Wheeler Interest Group (WIG) meetings he has participated in; Manager Tracy expressed his desire to have as many board members attend the upcoming March 25th PNGC's Strategic Planning meeting in Portland. Flathead continues to look at coming into PNGC.

ORECA REPORT: ORECA Strategic Planning is coming up in April.

MANAGER'S REPORT: *Economic Summit discussion:* Earlier this morning Manager Tracy and Chairman Irwin attended an Economic Summit meeting with NWPPA, and PNGC, where they decided to use current studies as a template. Funds have been committed from CFC and Co-Bank.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Manager Tracy to pursue the Economic Summit, and keep within BLEC's existing budget. Motion carried 4-1 with Director Kelley being the nay voter.

Safety Program: Manager Tracy informed the Board of Directors that the User's Safety Group has discussed having the safety program under ORECA's group; expanding the service, and succession procedures.

OLD BUSINESS: *AWARE meeting:* As presented by this committee, Chairman Irwin will give recognition to committee members at the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: *TIER II rate making:*

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Avoided Cost 2010 rate schedule as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Triangle Lake Park: A loan has been requested for playground equipment for Triangle Lake Park. BLEC insurance has been contacted, are aware of it, and are okay with the addition. Manager Tracy was instructed to visit with the Caretaker of the park regarding BLEC purchasing the equipment and the park then setting money aside for future replacement.

AWARE Committee appointment: Director Kelley is to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors at the April board meeting, a nomination for the AWARE committee.

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed.

FUTURE LOADS: Obtaining contracts from new customers was encouraged and a lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made to suspend any proposed new industrial loads until satisfactory contracts and/or cash, excluding power supply was achieved. Motion died of lack of a second. A motion was made and seconded to table the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

DIRECTOR ASSESSMENTS:

Comments: The Northwest Steelhead Association would like to schedule time to talk with the Board of Directors. They are to call Manager Tracy to schedule.

Expenses: Expense reports were turned in.

Meeting Attendance: Chairman Irwin, Director Jacksch, Director Sikes, and Director Kelley will attend the PNGC SEP meeting in Portland March 25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session was held for about an hour with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

(SEAL)

Ernie Jacksch, Board Secretary