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**BLACHLY-LANE COUNTY COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 23, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

After noting the presence of all directors and the existence of a quorum, the Chairman called the regular monthly Board meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Cooperative's office. In addition to the directors other people present included General Manager Bud Tracy, Cooperative management staff, Cooperative Counsel Chip Greening, Administrative Assistant Mary Cirks, Members Bev Mattheisen, John Murphy and Chan Manda from Murphy Plywood.

**AGENDA:**

Motion was made and seconded to move policies up on the agenda and add strategic planning to new business. Motion carried 5-0. Motion was made and seconded to re-change the agenda to add director classes for Board members. Motion carried 5-0.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** Murphy Plywood was present to request funding from the Energy Smart Industry program through PNGC for some conservation funding. After discussion, Manager Tracy is to bring the request to PNGC.

**REORGANIZATION:** Ernie Jacksch was elected Chairman, Cliff Kelley Vice Chairman, and Bob Sikes as Secretary/Treasurer.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the Safety Award. Reissued capital credit checks will be included with the month's list of checks and there will no longer be a separate listing of capital credit checks.

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

**FINANCIALS:** Ms. Bartunek reviewed the financial highlights. Easements are being reviewed from previous years and on an as needed basis. Annualized transportation costs have increased 28% this year. Discussion was held on the BLES program and eliminating some of the requirements. The Board unanimously accepted the financials.

**PNGC/PRC REPORT:** Manager Tracy reviewed the PNGC Board meeting summary, stating PRC could sell Coffin Butte.

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ORECA REPORT: Director Irwin reported the word "rural" will be kept in the ORECA name.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ass't General Manager / Finance Manager Jami Bartunek reported on the NRECA's Washington DC legislative conference and on the topics discussed with senators and representatives. Manager Tracy reported the search for an Operations Manager continues and will be discussed in executive session. The Seneca Co-gen will shut down for a period of time.

OLD BUSINESS: Annual Meetings: Members liked the time, meal, and location of the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board's review of policies 603.01 Bloodborne Pathogens/Exposure Control Plan; 606.01 Selection or Promotion of Personnel; and 302.04 Approved Depositories; (regarding the safe deposit section) was deferred until the June Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve policies 302.04 - Approved Depositories by removing the Key Account Manager; 604.01 - Communication with the Press / Media 605.01 - Donation of Vacation; 607.1 - Workplace Violence; 608.02 - Physical Examinations; 630.01 - HIPAA; and 109.01 - AWARE Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

BLEC Strategic Planning session was set for June 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. here at the office.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Director Haskell's requested permission to attend the Fast Track classes in Vancouver, WA in October/November 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

FUTURE LOADS: Nothing

DIRECTOR ASSESSMENTS: *Comments:* Chairman Jacksch suggested that the Board would benefit from a more frequent rotation of officers.

*Expenses:* They were turned in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session was held with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Robert C. Sikes, Board Secretary

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