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**BLACHLY-LANE COUNTY COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 28, 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 5:03 p.m. at the Cooperative's office. In addition to the directors other people present included General Manager Joe Jarvis, Cooperative Management Staff, Large Power Representative Todd Payne, Administrative Assistant Mary Cirks, and the following members: Ken and Marlene Northrup, Bernard and Merry Lee Gamble, Chuck Coty, Ken Noteboom, Linnis Jones and Burke, Anita Rae, and Robin Pfeiffer.

AGENDA: Request to add TriAxis Engineering Agreement under Manager's Items; and under Old Business Franchise Fee policy.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried 5-0.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Noteboom addressed the board with concerns and questions on the budget, trucks, computer software, equity level, maintaining cash for flexibility, low interest rates, borrowing on the long term to spread to all members, Work Plan and Budget being worked on, and the Junction City Franchise tax. After questions were answered, Chairman Jacksch thanked those present for their interests and the importance of keeping everyone informed.

CONSENT AGENDA: *October 2011 Minutes:* The board suggested putting the word "excess" in the sentence regarding equity to the members (capital credits).

Misery Creek: This project is now on hold until next year. BLEC has given two local contractors' names to the Watershed Project for future year's projects.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIALS: Ass't General Manager/Finance Manager Ms. Bartunek reported on the financial highlights including Residential Revenue, Large Revenue, and Small Commercial Revenue per kWh mills sold.

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

PNGC/PRC REPORT: Nothing to report.

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"Blachly-Lane's primary objective is to provide safe, cost effective, reliable, and competitive electrical energy and service to its Members"

ORECA REPORT: At their recent meeting they discussed the Energy Assessment Fee. Their next meeting will be January 10 and 11, 2012 where they will discuss strategic planning.

MANAGER'S ITEMS: *Operations Manager:* General Manager Jarvis reported Mr. Bob Wittenberg will be starting on December 19th in the capacity of Operations Manager. Mr. Wittenberg held previous positions of General Manager of Skamania PUD as well as other responsible positions at other cooperatives such as Emerald PUD and PP&L Co.

TriAxis Engineering Agreement: Manager Jarvis explained the agreement we have received from them. The bid regards the Green Lane Energy Biogas project. TriAxis will provide engineering design, project management and contract development services.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Manager Jarvis to proceed with the Tri-Axis proposal as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: *Junction City Franchise:* Manager Jarvis reported our attorney has found language that excludes the cooperatives to spread a franchise fee over all of their co-op membership. Only BLEC members that are within the boundaries of Junction City will be assessed the franchise fee.

NEW BUSINESS: *NRECA Annual meeting:* Chairman Jacksch and Manager Jarvis will be attending.

Calendar: The December board meeting will be held December 21, 2011 and the January 2012 board meeting will be held January 30, 2012.

POLICY REVIEW:

The Board approved the following policies with exceptions and modifications noted.

Policy 203.03 (Director Fees and Expense Reimbursement) - Tabled to next month.

Policy 204.01 (Board of Directors / General Manager Relationship) - Tabled to next month.

Policy 602.03 (Employee Travel Expense) - Changes submitted were discussed and approved.

Policy 619.02 (Substance Abuse) - - Tabled to next month.

Policy 628.01 (Harassment/EEO Discrimination) - - Tabled to next month.

A motion was made and seconded to approve policies as presented, rescinded, discussed/amended or tabled. Motion carried 5-0.

FUTURE LOADS: Manager Jarvis updated the board on the GreenLane Energy Biogas.

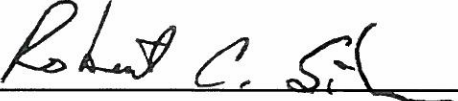
DIRECTOR ASSESSMENTS: *Expenses:* They were turned in.

Comments: Director Haskell reported on the meeting she attended where she achieved her Credentialed Cooperative Director Education Certificate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

(SEAL)



Robert C. Sikes, Board Secretary