

**CORDOVA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2021
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair *Joe Cook* called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Cordova Electric Cooperative to order at 6:03 PM on October 20, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were Chair *Cook* and Directors *Scott Pegau, Alexis Cooper, Steve Ranney, Stephen Phillips, Rob Campbell, and Kristy Andrew*. A quorum was present. Also present was CEO, *Clay Koplín* and Executive Assistant/HR Coordinator, *Leif Stavig*.

3. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Jeremiah Beckett said that the Cordova Telecom Cooperative's board fully supports Cordova Electric Cooperative joining together under one roof. It makes sense for the cooperatives to collocate offices and potentially share other facilities.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Phillips S/Campbell to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes. Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of September 22, 2021 Public Hearing
- b. Minutes of September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c. Approve New Members 7/1/21 – 9/30/21

M/Pegau S/Campbell to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes. Motion carried.

6. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. CAT Relocation Project Presentation by Matt Boyd

Boyd gave a presentation on the CAT Relocation Project.

- b. CEO Report

Koplín said that last Friday the Science Center reached out and said there was room in their new facility if CEC wanted to rent. The Native Village of Eyak also said they would like to move forward with purchasing the existing building. The Electrify Alaska conference is coming up and the governor will likely be attending.

- c. Financial Reports

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CoBank Sharing Success Application

Ranney said he had a conflict with Close Up, since his son was involved. *Pegau* and *Campbell* said they had conflicts with the Science Center. *Cooper* said she had a conflict on the Community Foundation.

M/Cook S/Phillips to award the CoBank Sharing Success Program to the Close Up Foundation at \$2,500 from CEC.

M/Pegau S/Campbell to amend the main motion to be a total of \$2,500 from CoBank and CEC. Roll call vote: Phillips-no, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-no, Cook-no, Ranney-abstain. Motion to amend failed.

Roll call vote on main motion: Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-no, Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-abstain, Phillips-yes. Motion carried.

M/Campbell S/Phillips to award the CoBank Sharing Success Program to the Cordova Historical Society and Museum at \$900 of CEC match, for a total of \$1,800. Roll call vote: Andrew-no, Pegau-no, Cooper-no, Cook-no, Ranney-no, Phillips-no, Campbell-yes. Motion failed.

M/Pegau S/Ranney to award the CoBank Sharing Success Program to the Salvation Army Alaska at \$2,500 of CEC match, for a total of \$5,000. Roll call vote: Pegau-yes, Cooper-abstain, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes. Motion carried.

b. Purchase Order #2367 to Moss Adams LLP NTE \$26,000

M/Cooper S/Phillips to approve PO #2367 to Moss Adams for a not to exceed amount of \$26,000. Roll call vote: Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes. Motion carried.

c. T9 Draw Down

M/Campbell S/Andrew to approve a \$2.29 million draw on the T9 Loan. Roll call vote: Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes. Motion carried.

d. Proposal from Bradison Management Group, LLC for Board Governance Training

M/Campbell S/Andrew to approve the proposal from Bradison Management Group, LLC. Roll call vote: Ranney-no, Phillips-no, Campbell-no, Andrew-no, Pegau-no, Cooper-no, Cook-yes. Motion failed.

e. Purchase Order #2370 to Mechanical Construction & Consulting, Inc for NTE \$620,000

Ranney declared a conflict due to the contractor staying at his lodge.

M/Campbell S/Cooper to approve PO #2370 to Mechanical Construction & Consulting for a not to exceed amount of \$620,000.

M/Pegau S/Campbell to amend the motion to \$645,000. Roll call vote on amendment: Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes, Cook-no, Ranney-abstain. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on main motion: Andrew-yes, Pegau-no, Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-abstain, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes. Motion carried.

f. Scholarship Committee Appointment

M/Pegau S/Cooper to appoint Pegau, Cooper, Phillips. Roll call vote: Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes. Motion carried.

g. Purchase Order #2374 to Electric Power Constructors for NTE \$70,000

M/Campbell S/Pegau to approve PO #2374 to Electric Power Constructors for a not to exceed amount of \$70,000 for electrical construction. Roll call vote: Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes. Motion carried.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Tariff Rate Schedule Revision

M/Ranney S/Campbell to revise CEC Tariff Schedules 100, 200, 300, 600, 800, 810, 900, and 902; and adopt Schedule 952 to be effective January 1, 2022, which would result in: 1. A change to the fuel cost adjustment calculation for all rates, which is projected to result in an overall increase of 6%, but will also stabilize the rate on a quarterly basis. 2. A change to the energy rates which result in: 15% increase to boat harbor and seafood processor customers, 30% increase to streetlights, 15% decrease to large power customers. 3. A revision to the qualifying facilities rate to reflect the avoided cost of power based on hydro and diesel operations.

M/Pegau S/Ranney to amend the main motion to not decrease large power customers and to adjust the increase to seafood processor customers to 5%. Roll call vote on amendment: Cook-no, Ranney-yes, Phillips-no, Campbell-no, Andrew-no, Pegau-yes, Cooper-no. Motion failed.

M/Pegau S/Ranney to amend the main motion to remove item 3. Roll call vote on amendment: Ranney-yes, Phillips-yes, Campbell-no, Andrew-no, Pegau-yes, Cooper-no, Cook-no. Motion failed.

M/Cook S/Pegau to amend the main motion to not decrease large power customers. Roll call vote on amendment: Phillips-yes, Campbell-no, Andrew-no, Pegau-yes, Cooper-no, Cook-yes, Ranney-no. Motion failed.

Roll call vote on main motion: Campbell-yes, Andrew-yes, Pegau-no, Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes Phillips-yes. Motion carried.

b. Board Evaluation – Review for 3rd Quarter

The board discussed the evaluation.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Board Directors, Officers, and Committees
- b. Board Attendance at Regular Meetings
- c. Correspondence
 - o Proposal from Cordova Telephone Cooperative
 - o Letter from Native Village of Eyak
- d. Nominating Committee

10. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Policy Review
 - o Policy #15H – Records Management Policy
 - o Policy #16C – Loans to Employees and Directors

The board and staff discussed the policies and took no action.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

12. PENDING AGENDA

a. Schedule Special Meeting for Headquarters Strategic Planning

The board discussed and tentatively agreed to a Special Meeting on 11/15.

b. Reschedule November Regular Meeting to Wednesday, 11/17.

There was consensus to reschedule the Regular Meeting to 11/17.

c. Pending Events Calendar

13. SUMMARY OF BOARD DIRECTION TO CEO

M/Pegau S/Phillips to direct staff to have legal counsel review Policy 15. Roll call vote: Andrew-yes, Pegau-yes, Cooper-yes, Cook-yes, Ranney-yes Phillips-yes, Campbell-yes. Motion carried.

14. BOARD COMMENTS

Pegau thanked the board for their patience with the tariff change. He looks forward to seeing what bylaw changes are brought forward.


Cooper thanked the board for meeting and having a productive conversation and deliberation.

Cook thanked everyone for spending the evening together. He and **Stavig** had a great time at the APA insurance training.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Cook called the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

11/17/21
Date Approved


Secretary/Treasurer