



May 2022

Newsletter

83rd Annual Meeting Recap

The 83rd Annual Meeting was held virtually on April 18th and 35 members attended via Zoom. The meeting included an update on finances from board secretary/treasurer Alan Watson and a brief discussion on the Wildfire Mitigation Plan from General Manager Greg Mendonca. Greg noted that OCEC is planning to host community meetings to review the plan with members. He then discussed new and ongoing projects at OCEC, included a commitment to securing clean and reliable power supply, continued excellent member services, working on expanding member services while maintaining excellent support, and community efforts including ways to engage with other local non-profits on key community issues and energy efficiency incentive programs.

Annual Meeting Election Results

There were two open positions on the Board of Directors for the 2022 elections. Both positions are for three-year terms.

The voting tally was completed on April 20, 2022. The results of the 2022 election were:

John Rogers – 492 votes
Rick Johnson – 385 votes
Stephen Ralph – 376 votes
5 Write in votes received

654 Ballots Received

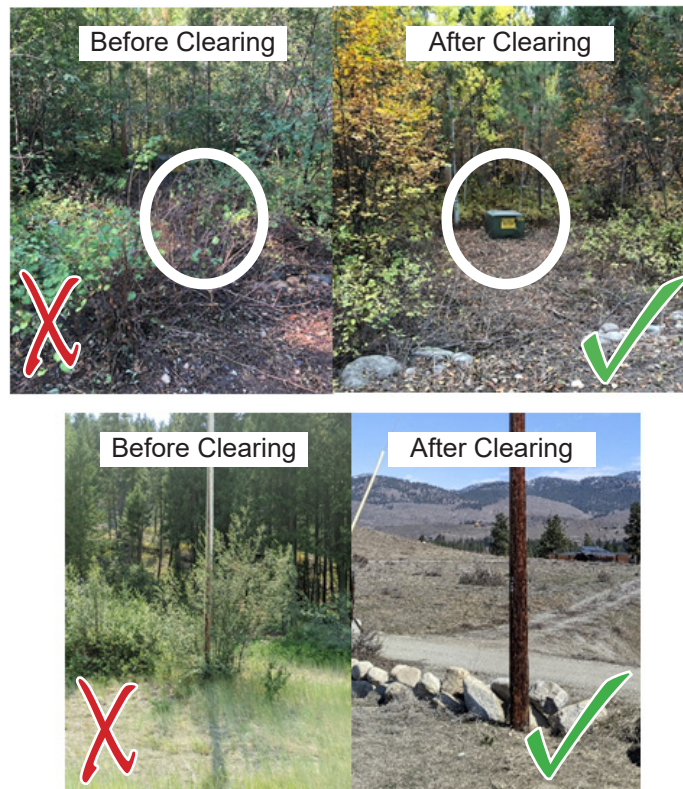
86 Ballots Disqualified (void due to missing, incomplete or inaccurate signature, membership information or received after the deadline)

NORTHWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALLIANCE SURVEY

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance is currently conducting their Residential Building Stock Assessment. They will be sending letters to a selection of OCEC members asking for your participation in a short survey about energy usage in your home. This survey will be used by northwest utilities for future energy planning efforts and does not ask for any personal information about you or your family. You can find out more about the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance at nea.org.

Spring Cleaning To Help Keep the Lights On!

We all know that with our hot dry summers comes the chance of wildfires. Many of you are working to “Firewise” your property and be better prepared for the possibility of wildfires. One more action you can take will help OCEC crews locate your transformer in the event of an emergency. Clearing a path to and around your transformer will allow easier access to the structure and if fire was to come through it would reduce the fuels burning up to and damaging the structure. A small amount of clearing can make a big difference.



If you are unable to safely clear around your transformer or have questions you can send photos to info@ocec.coop, this email is checked during business hours.

Do not clear tree limbs that are touching power lines, report them to OCEC and linecrews will safely remove those.

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