Board Policy - Meetings and Public Comment

Open Meetings

The meetings of FIW's Board of Directors ("the Board") are scheduled and held as set forth in FIW's Bylaws and open to the members and patrons of Fox Islands Electric Cooperative Inc. ("FIEC"), FIW's parent company.

Executive Session

At any time during the meeting, the Board may go into executive session upon a majority vote of the board directors present for confidential discussion of business matters. The Board may not take action on any resolution, regulation, rate, contract, appointment, or other matter in executive session.

Public Comment

The Board shall include a public comment period as an item of business on the agenda at each regular meeting of the Board. There will not be a public comment period on the agenda for special meetings unless otherwise specified by the Board.

FIEC's members may address the Board on any matter concerning FIW during the public comment period. The Board, in its sole discretion, may allow individuals who are not members or patrons of FIEC to address the Board during the public comment period. Each person desiring to speak during the public comment period shall sign up to speak prior to the start of the meeting by listing their name, electric service address, and the topic on which they will speak on the sign-in sheet provided by FIEC. Individuals will be acknowledged to speak in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet.

Each person will have a maximum of three minutes to speak. A person may not sign up to speak more than once during the same public comment period. No time may be yielded to another individual. Groups of individuals with similar comments are encouraged to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf to avoid repetitiveness. Designated spokespersons for groups of three or more individuals will be allotted up to eight minutes to speak. Additional time may be allowed at the discretion of the Board president.

A total of thirty minutes shall be set aside for public comment at each regular meeting of the Board. At the end of this time, those persons who signed up to speak but have not yet been recognized may be requested to hold their comments until the next meeting's public comment period, at which time they will be given priority to speak. Alternatively, the Board president may extend the time allotted for public comment.

Public comment is not intended to require the Board to answer impromptu questions or engage in dialogue. The Board president may allow such discussion at his or her discretion. The Board will

not entertain questions or comments called out from the audience. The Board will not take action on an item presented during public comment unless that item is on the agenda for the meeting. The Board may refer inquiries and items brought up during public comment to FIW's chief executive officer for follow-up.

Individuals should at all times maintain decorum appropriate to a business meeting and shall make their comments in a civil manner. Personal attacks will not be tolerated. No person will be allowed to use obscene, offensive, derogatory, or similarly inappropriate language. Individuals being disruptive or otherwise acting in an uncivil manner will be removed from the meeting.

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