

**Skamania County Public Utility District #1  
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dennis Gale at 1:00 pm at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Manager, Bob Wittenberg; Project Manager, Humaira Falkenberg; Attorney, Ken Woodrich; Auditor, Jasen McEathron; Work Order Specialist, Shonna Taylor; Journeyman Lineman, Matt Hollis; Commissioner Clyde Leach was attending a NWPPA Conference and therefore not present;

Public Members: Larry Krug, Susan Krug, Betty Daubenspeck, Sherry Esch, and Joanna Grammon.

Commissioner Gale opened the Public Meeting asking for public comment, no public comments were offered. Commissioner Gale opened a discussion on the agenda topics seeking advice from Attorney Woodrich on the appropriateness of holding discussions in executive session on the matters listed on the agenda.

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Commissioner Gale decided after public counsel with Attorney Woodrich to enter into Executive Session at 1:05 pm to discuss potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)), consideration of candidate for public employment (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)), & review performance of a public employee (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)); for a duration of 1 hour. Executive Session attendees: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Manager, Bob Wittenberg; Attorney, Ken Woodrich; and Auditor, Jasen McEathron.

Commissioner Gale allowed public comments prior to entering into Executive Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Humaira Falkenberg asked about the Board's impending discussion in executive session regarding a candidate for public employment. Commissioner Gale stated the topic is in regards to the transition planning agenda item.
- Humaira Falkenberg voiced concerns about comments made after the last meeting.

Executive Session was entered into at 1:07 pm for the reasons previously stated, for the duration of 1 hour.

Executive Session was extended for 30 minutes.

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The special meeting reconvened at 2:40 pm.

Commission directed staff to proceed as instructed.

- Commissioner Gale made a **motion** to put Manager Wittenberg on paid administrative leave until the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting, Commissioner Esch **seconded**. **Motion was approved by the Board members present.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Humaira Falkenberg voiced concerns regarding the Board's action.
- Sherry Esch voiced support for the Board.
- Larry Krug spoke regarding his past experience as a PUD employee.
- Susan Krug voiced support for the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

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**Dennis Gale, President**

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**Curt Esch, Secretary**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be:  
**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 am**