

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

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dennis Gale at 9:00 a.m. at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Clyde Leach; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Interim Manager, Robert Gentry; Auditor, Jasen McEathron; Attorney, Ken Woodrich; Work Order Specialist/HR Coordinator, Shonna Taylor.

**MINUTES**

- Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, regular meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mary Repar – Requested the Commission consider long term global climate change in the PUD strategic plan and to establish timelines for the strategic plan & governance policy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **General Manager Search:** Commissioner Gale stated the General Manager search will need guidelines drafted, criteria established, and qualifications desired in General Manager applicants. Commissioner Leach wanted the search to follow past practices for filling vacancies and encouraged management to develop the needed materials for Commission approval. Commissioner Esch agreed. Commissioner Gale wanted the General Manager search to be conducted in a manner independent of the Interim Manager in consideration of him being a potential candidate. Attorney Woodrich was suggested as being the lead to ensure a fair and equitable process. Attorney Woodrich agreed and requested the Commission hold an executive session to discuss certain General Manager search issues in further detail under potential litigation. Commissioner Gale directed management to proceed with developing qualifications.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Schedule Workshops - Governance & Budget: Manager Gentry explained the importance of the Governance Policy and Budget being discussed in workshop forums. The Commission requested the Budget workshop precede Governance.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

- **General PUD Status Report:** Manager Gentry reported on several topics and projects being currently worked on: Bear Creek Use Permit, Substation upgrades, Budget planning, Human Resource Management, Project Management Coordinator, Governance Policy, Water System, BPA Rate Increase, and System Mapping.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- None

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Commissioner Leach reported on Energy Northwest and the condenser work.
- Wind Interests & WPAG discussion.

Break at 10:20 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

## CALENDAR

- Next PPC Meeting August 4, 2011.
- WPAG Teleconference August 2, 2011.
- Next WPAG meeting August 11, 2011.

## VOUCHER APPROVAL

Vouchers were approved for payment by a **motion** made by Commissioner Esch.

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Electric System	46621-46666	\$ 354,564.17
Carson Water	5811-5812	\$ 14,450.95
Underwood Water	3447-3448	\$ 11,900.01

Commissioner Leach **seconded**, and the **motion was carried unanimously**.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sherry Esch – Commented on the May 24, 2011 Special Meeting and a whistleblower report.
- Susan Krug – Asked questions about the future Commission workshops.
- Liz Green – Asked questions about email practices.

Commissioners discussed the May 24, 2011 Special Meeting.

Entered into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)).

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

Commissioner Gale for the record made an apology to Commissioner Leach for the issues surrounding the May 24, 2011 Special Meeting and also noted there was and has never been any intention to exclude Commissioner Leach.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**Dennis Gale, President**

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**Curt Esch, Secretary**

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be:  
**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**