

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

January 4th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Curt Esch at 9:00 a.m. at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Commissioner Clyde Leach; Manager, Bob Wittenberg; Auditor, Chris Iobst; Attorney, Ken Woodrich; Water Distribution Manger, Tom Vance; Project Manager, Humaira Falkenberg.

The Minutes of the December 21st, 2009 Meeting were approved as corrected by Commissioner Gale's **motion**. Commissioner Esch **seconded**, and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Packwood Hydro Project Output** – Wittenberg discussed the District's share of the Packwood project, noting the need to decide what to do with the future output. He noted the March 1st deadline for the District's decision on the use of the output and recommended reviewing the District's level of involvement with the project. The Packwood Project is in the process of applying for renewable status.
- **Miller Road Update** – Wittenberg reviewed his research on the use of a vibratory cable plow and its possible use on replacing areas with similar terrain as Miller Road. He noted that going overhead on Miller Road would require a Scenic Area permit.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Use of District Shop** – Wittenberg presented a list of possible conditions needing clarification under which the shop may be used for non-District uses. The Board agreed the shop should remain closed for all personal or customer use, allowing exceptions for PUD and inter-agency purposes. Woodrich will draft a release for the use of District equipment by other agencies.
- **Future Corporate Structure** – Wittenberg presented scenarios of organization charts, and the Board considered a salaried position for supervising the crew in the future.
- **Mapping System** – Board and Staff discussed the benefits and costs associated with implementing a mapping system for the District. Wittenberg noted that implementing and maintaining a mapping system would require a tremendous amount of labor and money, and he was not sure the benefit would outweigh the cost. He also referenced Skamania County's mapping system which could integrate a layer for the District's use.

- **Transferring Water Connections** – Staff discussed possible scenarios where customers might request to have a water connection transferred to another property. The Board agreed that water connections should remain with the original property, and Vance noted the need for a policy that clarified their position.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- **Customer Letter** - Wittenberg presented a letter from a customer thanking the crew for their fast response in restoring power during a recent outage.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

- **Office Staff** – Iobst gave an update on the shared position arrangement in the office and noted an expected retirement in 2010.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

- **Commissioner Gale** – Gale requested that correspondence from the Manager to individual Commissioners should be made available to all Board Members.
- **Commissioner Esch** – Esch requested that Board Members are given a chance to review the Manager’s Letters to the Editor and the District Newsletter before going to print.
- **Commissioner Attendance** – Gale noted he will attend the next two meetings via conference call and Leach reported that he will not be present for the February 16th meeting or either meetings in March.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

The following vouchers were approved for payment by a **motion** made by Commissioner Leach.

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	44374-44411	\$ 507,935.01
Carson Water	5547-5551	\$ 965.25
Underwood Water	3294-3295	\$ 3,265.90

Commissioner Gale **seconded**. The motion was **carried unanimously**.

The Meeting **adjourned** at 12:25 p.m.

Curt C. Esch, President

Clyde D. Leach, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be:
Monday, January 18th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m..