

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

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Clyde Leach; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Manager, Bob Wittenberg; Auditor, Chris Iobst; Attorney, Ken Woodrich; Public Member, Mary Repar; Guest, Jim Oakley from Energy Northwest

Commissioner Gale made a **motion** to approve amended Minutes of the March 15, 2010 Meeting. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion, and the minutes were **approved** by a 3-0 vote.

**GUEST**

- **Mary Repar – Neighbor’s Yard Light** – Repar requested the District shield her neighbor’s yard light from shining into her home. Wittenberg noted that a shield had been installed then removed after the neighbor complained about reduced light. Wittenberg will look into modifying a shield that satisfies both Repar and her neighbor. The Board noted the need to revisit the policy for yard lights.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Review of PUD Policies** – Board and Staff discussed the need for a formal Personnel Policy. The Board will review the District’s current policies and then determine the need for additional policies, if necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **County Street Lights** – Wittenberg discussed the County’s desire to investigate the conversion of street lights into LED lamps and bulbs. Iobst noted possible conservation credits and BPA funds to convert to LED fixtures, and Woodrich mentioned that Klickitat PUD worked with the City of White Salmon to convert some street lights to LED bulbs
- **NWPPA Annual Meeting** – Wittenberg noted the upcoming NWPPA Annual Conference and Membership Meeting and the need for a voting delegate for the District. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** to appoint Wittenberg as the voting delegate. Commissioner Leach **seconded**, and the motion was **carried unanimously**.

- **Packwood Hydro Project** – Wittenberg noted that the yearly budget for the Packwood Project was up for approval. The District has a vote proportional to the 1% share of the project. Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to approve the Packwood budget. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gale made a **motion** to abstain from voting on the Packwood budget due to not having a copy of the proposed budget. Commissioner Leach **seconded**, and the motion was **carried unanimously**.

- **Increased Tier II Exposure** – Wittenberg discussed factors that could affect the District’s exposure to BPA’s Tier rates including the addition of any large industrial customers. He noted that rate options and extension fees could mitigate the impact from new customers.
- **Carson Water Plan Update** – Wittenberg reviewed the process of updating the Carson Water Plan in 2010 and the need for an additional water source.

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- **House Bill 2707** - Wittenberg reviewed Washington House Bill 2707 that will set Commissioners salary to \$1,300 per month regardless of their election date. The bill goes into effect, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- **Miller Road Outages** - Wittenberg reported that failing underground cable on Miller Road had been replaced in response to multiple outages.

## **AUDITOR’S REPORT**

- **Conservation Update** - Iobst reported that the District is well ahead of its conservation credit requirement with BPA for the current contract. He noted that 2010 is the year for calculating the High Water Mark and conservation credits are very favorable for the District’s allocation. He noted that BPA has additional funds for conservation measures once the District reaches its credit goal.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- **Puget Sound Energy Settlement**

At 12:05 p.m., Gale requested the Meeting enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, estimated for 20 minutes.

The Meeting resumed in Regular Session at 12:15 p.m. with no action taken.

## VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Electric System	44717-44784	\$ 677,474.93
Carson Water	5584-5591	\$ 23,053.15
Underwood Water	3316-3322	\$ 25,831.56

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

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT (Cont.)

- **Open Door Policy Resolution** – Gale presented a draft Resolution defining the Board's role and position in employee relations and the establishment of an "Open Door Policy." Board and Staff reviewed the policy, and revisions will be presented at the next Meeting.
- **Jim Oakley, Energy Northwest** – Oakley distributed a brochure from Energy Northwest outlining the license renewal process for the Columbia Generating Facility.

The Meeting recessed for Lunch at 1:15 p.m., reconvening in Regular Session at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioner Esch requested the Meeting enter Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. to discuss the performance of an employee, estimated for 30 minutes.

At 3:35 p.m. Executive Session was extended for 30 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 4:00 p.m. with no action taken, and the Meeting resumed in Regular Session.

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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**Curt C. Esch, President**

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**Clyde D. Leach, Secretary**

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be:  
**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 a.m..**