

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

April 4, 2016

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 Liz Green; General Manager Brent Bischoff; and Project Coordinator Melanie Sharp and Attorney Ken Woodrich. Auditor Jasen McEathron was absent.

Attorney Woodrich noted discussions related to the Collective Bargaining Agreement should be completed in an exempt meeting.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Engineering General Services PSC Amendment – MSA-** Manager Bischoff presented an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Murray Smith Associates to provide General Engineering Services. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to authorize the manager to sign the amendment with MSA increasing the contract from \$3,000 to \$8,000. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Underwood Substation Project – Wilson Construction Change Order-** Manager Bischoff presented the final change order for work completed by Wilson Construction for the Underwood substation project. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to authorize the manager to sign the final change order with Wilson Construction in the amount of \$6,449.12. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board entered into an exempt meeting at 9:10 to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. The regular meeting resumed at 9:30am.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 20 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Manager Bischoff, Attorney Woodrich, and Attorney Ramsey Rammerman via phone were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from

the Executive Session. Executive Session was extended 30 minutes. Executive Session ended at 10:20 a.m. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

There was a 5-minute break at 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- **Collective Bargaining Agreement – IBEW Local 125-** The Board discussed the IBEW Local 125 collective bargaining agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the IBEW Local 125 for the contract term Feb. 16, 2016 to Feb. 15, 2018. **Motion passed with two votes for (Commissioners Gale and Esch) and one vote against (Commissioner Green).**
- **Leak Detection – Utility Services Associates -** Manager Bischoff presented a contract with Utility Services Associates to provide leak detection services. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to authorize the manager to sign the amendment with Utility Services Associates to provide leak detection services for the Carson water system in the amount of \$12,731.50. **Motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The Board discussed Commissioner Esch’s motion of March 7, 2016 to obtain a second legal opinion regarding the Sherry Esch public records lawsuit. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to rescind the board action of March 7, 2016 seeking a second legal opinion from a specific attorney.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss potential liability per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 15 minutes. Commissioner Esch, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Manager Bischoff, and Attorney Woodrich were in attendance. Executive session was extended 10 minutes. Executive session ended at 11:25 a.m. There was no action taken in executive session.

- Commissioner Gale called for a vote on the previous motion. **The motion passed with two for (Commissioners Gale and Green) and one abstention (Commissioner Esch).** Commissioner Green made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **seconded** to seek a second opinion, at a future time to be determined, on the Esch lawsuit with an attorney selected by Commissioners Gale and Green. **The motion passed with two for (Commissioners Gale and Green) and one abstention (Commissioner Esch).**

The Board excused Attorney Woodrich at 11:30 a.m.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- ECI (Engineering Consultants, Inc.) scoping of electric system engineering studies, the next substation replacement project, and Underwood substation switching orders and maintenance plan
- The PUD’s work on the Windy River Research LLC project in Stabler
- Duggan Falls Water System consolidation study
- Sheppard Pump Station replacement project

- WPUDA Water Committee meeting report
- EDC annual luncheon

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- None.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Green discussed the upcoming NWPPA annual meeting.

CALENDAR:

- PPC Meeting April 7, 2016
- WPUDA Meetings April 13-15, 2016

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve legal costs voucher #53286 for \$1,599.00, audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090. **Motion passed with two votes for (Commissioners Gale and Green) and one abstention (Commissioner Esch).**

Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090 for Electric \$657,107.29, Carson Water \$16,437.35 and Underwood Water \$9,008.47. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Voucher	Numbers	Amount
Electric	53237-53240, 53248-53285, 53287	\$657,107.29
Electric – Legal Costs	53286	\$1,599.00
Carson Water	6636-6640	\$16,437.35
Underwood Water	3881-3882	\$9,008.47

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Curt Esch, President

Liz Green, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.