

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

December 21, 2015

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 Liz Green; Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; General Manager Brent Bischoff; Auditor Jasen McEathron; Project Coordinator Melanie Sharp; and Attorney Ken Woodrich.

MINUTES:

- After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Carson Reservoir Lease and Road Maintenance Agreement – Birkenfeld** – Manager Bischoff presented the Lease Agreement and Road Maintenance Agreement with Joseph and Diane Birkenfeld for a 2-acre site for the new Carson reservoir. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the Lease Agreement for a 99-year period in the amount of \$60,000, plus two residential water system connections to the Carson Water System and two \$2,500 credits towards PUD labor, equipment use and materials to connect to the system. **Motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement for the new Carson reservoir access road with Joseph and Diane Birkenfeld. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 45 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Manager Bischoff, Auditor McEathron, Attorney Woodrich, and Attorney Ramsey Ramerman via phone were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session. Executive session ended at 10:10 a.m.

There was a 5-minute break at 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 5 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Manager Bischoff, Auditor McEathron, and Attorney Woodrich were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session. Executive session was extended 5 minutes. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Esch requested that the Board provide four hours of outside legal counsel in regards to his indemnification. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve four hours of outside legal counsel for Commissioner Esch. **Motion passed with two in favor and one abstention (Commissioner Esch).**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2530 – Investment Authority 2016** – Auditor McEathron presented Resolution No. 2530 authorizing personnel to make investment decisions on behalf of the district. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2530. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- November 2015 outage report
- Underwood substation project
- Carson test well grant approval
- Duggan Falls Water System evaluation

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- **Bad Debts** - Auditor McEathron presented bad debts in the amount of \$2,100.54. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the bad debts in the amount of \$2,100.54. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board decided to revise an earlier motion so that it specified the total approved costs of legal counsel for Commissioner Esch. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to revise the earlier motion and approve four hours of outside legal counsel for Commissioner Esch at \$350 per hour for a total of \$1,400. **The revised motion passed with two in favor and one abstention (Commissioner Esch).**

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Esch reported on his attendance at the annual PPC Meeting.
- Commissioner Green reported that she was invited and will participate in the committee to rename the WPUDA building.

CALENDAR:

- PPC Meeting January 7, 2016
- WPUDA Meetings January 13-15, 2016
- Energy NW Board Meeting January 27, 2016

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

After discussion, 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. **Motion passed unanimously.**

| Voucher | Number | Amount |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Electric System | 52829-52892 | \$339,175.66 |
| Carson Water | 6582-6587 | \$66,690.60 |
| Underwood Water | 3848-3850 | \$316.53 |

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Diane Green inquired about the attorney evaluation and commented on power outage notifications.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Curt Esch, President

Liz Green, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, January 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.