

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

January 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; General Manager Brent Bischoff; Auditor Jasen McEathron; Project Coordinator Melanie Sharp; and Attorney Ken Woodrich. Commissioner Liz Green joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

- Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch stepped down and **seconded** to approve the December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed with two votes for.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Carson Reservoir Engineering PSC Amendment – MSA-** Manager Bischoff presented an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Murry Smith and Associates (MSA) to complete additional geotechnical work for the new Carson reservoir project – Phase II. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the amendment with MSA in the amount of \$9,810. **Motion passed unanimously.** It was noted that the requested contract amount including MSA fees was actually \$10,791. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to amend the previous motion to a contract amount of \$10,791. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **WPAG 2016 PSC – Marsh, Mundorf, et al & EES-** Manager Bischoff presented the 2016 WPAG (Western Public Agencies Group) Professional Services Contracts with EES Consulting and Marsh Mundorf and Associates. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to authorize the manager to sign the contract with Marsh Mundorf legal services and EES consulting services agreement with the labor rate schedule shown in Exhibit A. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Resolution No. 2531 – Carson Water 2015 Bond Fund Transfer-** Auditor McEathron presented Resolution No. 2531. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2531 transferring \$60,000 from the Carson Water 2015 Bond Fund to the Carson Water General Fund for the long-term lease costs incurred for the new Carson Reservoir. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

- None.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Duggan Falls Water System** – Manager Bischoff gave an update on the status of the Duggan Falls Water System evaluation.
- **Open Public Meetings Act** – Commissioner Green broached the subject of the Open Public Meetings Act because of concerns she had – specifically that the Board has been inconsistent in communicating on return to public session following executive session whether or not direction was given to staff. The Commissioners and Attorney Woodrich discussed the Open Public Meeting Act and the appropriate methods to use for noting direction given to staff when coming back into public session out of an executive session.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- Planned energizing of the new transformer and outage to transfer load at the Underwood substation.
- Vehicle accidents
- New Carson reservoir project final design and lease
- Carson test well project
- Shepherd pump station preliminary design

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

- None.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

- Commissioner Esch discussed that he may be bringing back a request for additional funding for legal counsel.

## **CALENDAR:**

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

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

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.**

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Electric	52893-52896 52904-52954	\$567,628.12
Carson Water	6588-6601	\$13,282.19
Underwood Water	3851-3858	\$1,502.85

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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**Curt Esch, President**

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**Liz Green, Secretary**

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