

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

July 20, 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; and Attorney Ken Woodrich.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Energy Efficiency Update** – Paul Rich with Efficiency Services Group provided an update on energy efficiency measures performed to date and upcoming changes to rebate amounts. Information was provided on direct install services for Smart power strips. The Board authorized adding the direct install of Smart power strips as an additional energy efficiency measure.
- **Bond Issue Update** – Jeb Spengler with Piper Jaffray presented market information and discussed the finance structure of the proposed Series 2015 Bond Sale.
- **Rating Agency Agreement** – Auditor McEathron presented the professional services contract with Moody’s Investors Service for credit rating services. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to authorize staff to sign the credit rating services contract with Moody’s Investors Service for an estimated amount of \$16,000. **Motion passed unanimously.**

There was a 5 minute break at 10:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Wheeling Rate PSC – EES Consulting** – Manager Bischoff discussed a proposal from EES Consulting to develop a wheeling rate that will be needed for the proposed biomass project. The proposal will not go forward until the biomass project has developed further.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

- **KPUD v DNR - Amicus Brief** – Attorney Woodrich discussed the Klickitat PUD appeal to the Supreme Court of the KPUD v DNR court ruling and potential participation of Skamania PUD in the amicus brief. After discussion Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to allow

Attorney Woodrich to prepare documentation to participate in the amicus brief for the KPUD v DNR lawsuit. **Motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- Progress of the Underwood substation project
- Denial of the appeal for the rehearing of the residential exchange program
- Electric system improvements to Cascade Avenue, Stevenson

ATTORNEY'S REPORT CONTINUED:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 30 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 was extended 10 minutes. Executive Session ended at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:41 a.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- The Industrial Well interior painting project is complete
- There are continued discussions with the landowner regarding the land lease for the New Carson Reservoir
- WRIA 29A is conducting their final meeting before the draft detailed implementation plan is submitted for approval by the governing bodies of the initiating governments
- The contract with the Department of Health for the Duggan Falls Feasibility Study will be presented to the Board for approval at the Aug. 3 meeting
- June Outage Report
- Outage Report for Quarter 2, 2015

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **Bad Debts** – Auditor McEathron presented bad debts in the amount of \$5,905.71. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve bad debts in the amount of \$5,905.71. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Fund Balance Report** – Auditor McEathron presented the June 2015 Fund Balance Report.
- **Power Costs 2015 YTD** – Auditor McEathron presented the Power Cost Report for 2015 YTD.

- **Audit Exit Review** – Auditor McEathron announced that a special meeting to conduct the Audit Exit Conference is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Gale and Commissioner Green reported on their recent attendance at the WPUDA Meeting.

CALENDAR:

- Energy NW Board Meeting July 22, 2015
- WPAG July 30, 2015
- PPC Meeting August 6, 2015
- WPUDA Meetings September 16-18, 2015

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.**

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	52166-52225	\$396,072.02
Carson Water	6514-6519	\$2,323.03
Underwood Water	3818-3821	\$471.98

There was a 70 minute break for lunch at 12:50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m. for a strategic planning workshop.

BOARD WORKSHOP – STRATEGIC PLANNING

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Curt Esch, President

Liz Green, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be
Monday, August 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.