

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

June 1, 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 May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the May 20, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the May 22, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mary Repar discussed the Critical Issues of the Times series being presented at the Stevenson library as part of the 2015 Community Resiliency Series. Ms. Repar also discussed how the PUD might adapt to changing customer energy use patterns resulting from new technology.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Billing Adjustment Request – Skamania County** – Auditor McEathron presented the billing adjustment request from Skamania County for the underpayment associated with a Hegewald center service. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the County to repay the \$22,506.71 through 24 equal monthly installments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- Contract status with Wilson Construction Company for the Underwood substation construction.
- The mapping project is working in Washougal and performing field checks in Stevenson.
- High voltage issues at LDG beverage were resolved through tap changer adjustment at the transformer.
- The Duggan Falls water system consolidation grant has been awarded by the Washington Department of Ecology and the PUD is now awaiting a contract.

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 60 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Auditor McEathron, Manager Bischoff, Attorney Woodrich, and Attorney Ramsey Ramerman via phone were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session. Executive Session was extended 15 minutes. Executive Session ended at 10:45 a.m.

There was a five minute break at 10:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Energy Northwest CEO, Mark Reddemann** – Mark Reddemann, CEO for Energy Northwest, gave a presentation regarding Energy Northwest operations, plans and services to member utilities.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- The WRIA 29A Detailed Implementation Plan is nearing completion.
- Strategic planning workshops will be scheduled following upcoming board meetings.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **Cyber Security** – Auditor McEathron reported that PURMS is pursuing cyber security insurance coverage for members, expected availability is January 1, 2016.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Gale discussed flexibility in payment arrangements for hardship cases and communication of fees to customers.

CALENDAR:

- PPC Meeting June 4, 2015
- PURMS Board Meeting June 4, 2015
- WPUDA Meetings July 15-17, 2015

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	51983-52034	\$703,558.85
Carson Water	6488-6495	\$11,454.30
Underwood Water	3801-3803	\$2,180.90

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

AUDITOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

- **Legal Defense Costs – Request for Defense Funding** – Auditor McEathron presented a request from Attorney Wolfe, legal counsel for former commissioner Clyde Leach, for an additional \$1,300 to \$1,500 for additional work required to prepare a briefing.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:20 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 5 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Auditor McEathron, Manager Bischoff, and Attorney Woodrich were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session. Executive Session ended at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned until 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

- **Legal Defense Costs – Request for Defense Funding Cont’d**– A motion by Commissioner Gale to approve Attorney Wolfe’s request for additional legal defense funding died for lack of a second.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Curt Esch, President

Liz Green, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be
Monday, June 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.