

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

March 2, 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 February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the February 10, 2015 Rate Hearing Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Biomass Plant Update** – Paul Spencer, with Wind River Biomass LLC, provided an update of the biomass plant project at the Wind River Business Park. Mr. Spencer asked the Board to consider what sort of business relationship the PUD would want with the biomass plant project. Mr. Spencer also asked the Board to consider what sort of water management relationship the PUD would want to have with the Wind River Business Park.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 30 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Commissioner Esch, Auditor McEathron, Manager Bischoff, Attorney Woodrich, and Attorney Rammerman via phone were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session at 9:55am. Executive Session was extended 40 Minutes. Executive Session ended at 10:40 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Cape Horn Transformer** – Manager Bischoff discussed selling the Cape Horn substation spare transformer to the City of Cascade Locks.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- The status of the Underwood substation rebuild project.
- The Carson transmission main restraint repair project.
- Providing water utility installation services to a developer in Carson.
- Submittal of the Duggan Falls Water System consolidation grant application.
- Potential grants opportunities for a test well in Carson.
- Scheduling a strategic planning session.
- Scheduling a rate workshop for March 16th at 8am.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- **Fund Balance Report**– Auditor McEathron presented the February 2015 Fund Balance Report.
- **Work Order Training** – Auditor McEathron discussed the work order training hosted by the PUD.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioners Gale and Green reported on their attendance at the WPUDA meetings.
- Commissioner Esch discussed allowing presentations regarding nuclear power at a future board meeting.

CALENDAR:

- Carson Water and Electric Rate Hearings - March 3, 2015
- PPC Meeting - March 5, 2015
- WPUDA Meetings - March 18-20, 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	51619-51675	\$768,475.17
Carson Water	6447-6454	\$10,435.52
Underwood Water	3778-3780	\$7,106.90

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Curt Esch, President

Liz Green, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, March 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.