

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

May 20th, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Curt Esch at 9:02 a.m. at the offices of Landerholm, 805 Broadway Street, Suite 1000, Vancouver, WA 98666-1086. The special meeting is for the purpose of participating in a mediation in the matter of **Esch vs. Skamania County PUD, et. al.**, Skamania County Superior Court case No. 13-2-00109-0. The following persons were present: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Commissioner Liz Green; Manager Brent Bischoff; Auditor Jasen McEathron Attorney Ken Woodrich, and Attorney Ramsey Ramerman.

Also in attendance were:

- Retired Judge Rick Strophy, Mediator
- Attorney Brian Wolfe, representing Former Commissioner Clyde Leach
- Former Commissioner Clyde Leach, Named Defendant
- Connie Leach
- Attorney Brad Andersen, representing Sherry Esch
- Sherry Esch, Plaintiff

Judge Strophy made an opening statement about the mediation process.

Sherry Esch submitted for the record a statement that she also read.

Judge Strophy and attorneys discussed mediation logistics.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 90 minutes. Commissioner Green, Commissioner Gale, Auditor McEathron, Manager Bischoff, Attorney Woodrich, and Attorney Ramerman were in attendance. Commissioner Esch recused himself from the Executive Session. Judge Strophy was a participant at times during the session throughout the day. The PUD, in consult with the Washington State Attorney General's Office Nancy Krier, determined it was appropriate for Judge Strophy to be present in executive session.

Executive Session was extended 45 Minutes at 12:15 p.m.

Executive Session was extended 60 Minutes at 1:00 p.m.

Executive Session was extended 120 Minutes at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Session was extended 60 Minutes at 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session was extended 60 Minutes at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

No Board actions were taken during the special meeting.

President

Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be:
June 1st, 2015 at 9 a.m.