

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

May 4, 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 April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Pat Albaugh – EDC Executive Director** – Pat Albaugh, Executive Director for the Skamania Economic Development Council, presented an update of EDC activities including grant and loan support to the PUD.
- **Strategic Planning Workshop** – Manager Bischoff noted that the strategic planning workshop is scheduled for May 22. The Commissioners asked to incorporate a field tour into the workshop.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 15 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 10:00 a.m.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Manager Bischoff reported on the following items:

- The current collective bargaining agreement will expire in February 2016. Within the next few months management will seek authority form the Board to enter negotiations with the Union.
- It is time for the Auditor’s annual review.
- BPA has approached the PUD to participate in a demand response pilot project.
- Inquiries for residential solar generation projects are increasing.
- Update on development of the WRIA 29A Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP)
- Status of the Underwood substation project.
- Safety update.

**AUDITOR’S REPORT:**

- Accountant /HR position – Auditor McEathron gave a summary of the Accountant/HR position description.
- Front office workstation replacement – Auditor McEathron noted that staff are looking at options for replacing the front office workstations.
- Security assessment – Auditor McEathron discussed the need for implementing security improvements.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:**

- Commissioner Green reported on her attendance at the Energy Northwest meeting and Columbia Generating Station tour.

**CALENDAR:**

- PPC Meeting May 7, 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	51874-51922	\$607,474.49
Carson Water	6472-6478	\$15,420.16
Underwood Water	3792-3794	\$725.98

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Diane Green questioned the value of spending rate-payer money to create a new PUD logo.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 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, May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**