

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

July 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Clyde Leach at 9:00 a.m. at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Clyde Leach; Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Dennis Gale; General Manager Brent Bischoff; Auditor Jasen McEathron; Project Coordinator Melanie Sharp; and Attorney Ken Woodrich.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to approve the June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob Wittenburg commented on litigation, Underwood substation backfeed, and trees burning in power lines.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Wind River Biomass Project – Paul Spencer** – Paul Spencer gave an update on the Wind River Biomass Project.
- **Legal Defense Costs** – Commissioner Esch commented on RCW 54.16.097 in regards to the legal defense funds provided to Bob Wittenburg. Commissioner Gale requested that the topic be discussed further in the upcoming executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Carson Reservoir Siting Study PSC – Murray Smith & Associates**– Manager Bischoff presented the Professional Services Contract with Murray Smith & Associates for a reservoir siting study in Carson. The Board requested that the Professional Services Contract be brought back for approval at a future date when the Lease Option Agreement is presented.
- **Resolution No. 2459 – Customer Deposit Fund Transfer** – Auditor McEathron presented Resolution No. 2459 transferring \$46,442 from the Electric General Fund to the Customer Deposit Fund. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2459. **Motion passed unanimously.** Auditor McEathron will present a future resolution addressing the frequency of these transfers.
- **Resolution No. 2460 – Auditor’s Salary** – Manager Bischoff presented Resolution No. 2460 to adjust the present salary for the District Auditor/Manager of Finance and Administration. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Leach **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2460 to increase the Auditor’s salary 3% from \$105,000 annually to \$108,150 annually effective as of July 16, 2014. **Motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Labor – Management Committee** – The Commissioners discussed participation in the Labor-Management Committee and decided board member participation on the committee would not be necessary.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Defense Costs per RCW 54.16.097 for a duration of 20 minutes. Executive session was extended an additional 20 minutes. Commissioner Leach, Commissioner Gale, Commissioner Esch, Auditor McEathron, Attorney Woodrich, and Manager Bischoff were in attendance. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting reconvened.

- **Legal Representation – Marsh Mundorf Pratt Sullivan & McKenzie** – Manager Bischoff discussed the need to retain legal representation for a matter involving the District’s Low Density Discount from Bonneville Power Administration. Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to authorize the Manager to retain legal representation with Marsh Mundorf Pratt Sullivan & McKenzie for an amount not to exceed \$3,000. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- **OSHA Rule 1910** – Manager Bischoff reported that OSHA is implementing the final rule 1910 for Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, which includes new requirements for fall protection and arcflash protection for the linemen.
- **Power for Marijuana Businesses** – Manager Bischoff discussed the issue of providing federally generated power to businesses growing or processing marijuana.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- **Fund Balance Report June 2014** – Auditor McEathron presented the fund balance report for June 2014.

CALENDAR:

- The PPC Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2014.
- The WPAG Meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2014.
- The WPUA Meetings are scheduled for July 16-18, 2014.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

After discussion Commissioner Esch made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **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	50685-50768	\$544,163.13
Carson Water	6316-6326	\$4,747.07
Underwood Water	3717-3722	\$604.63

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Liz Green inquired about the costs of the Esch lawsuit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Clyde Leach, President

Dennis Gale, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, July 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.