

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

July 21, 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; Project Coordinator Melanie Sharp; and Attorney Ken Woodrich. Auditor McEathron was absent.

**MINUTES:**

- Commissioner Esch made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **seconded** to approve the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Dan Gunderson commented on the Esch lawsuit.
- Bob Wittenberg commented on the Esch lawsuit.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Lease Option Agreement – Birkenfeld** – Manager Bischoff presented a Lease Option with Joseph and Diane Birkenfeld to allow the PUD to complete a reservoir siting study on their property. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to authorize Manager Bischoff to sign the Lease Option. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Carson Reservoir Siting Study PSC – Murray Smith & Associates** - Manager Bischoff presented the Professional Service Contract with Murray Smith & Associates for a reservoir siting study in Carson. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to authorize Manager Bischoff to sign the PSC contract in the amount of \$44,352. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **URD Cable Replacement #4**- Manager Bischoff reported that only one bid was received for the 2014 URD Cable Replacement Project for Strunk Road, Belle Center Road, Stardust Lane and Mt. Pleasant Road and that bid exceeded the budgeted amount for the work. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to authorize Manager Bischoff to reject the bid for Strunk Road, Belle Center Road, Stardust Lane and Mt. Pleasant Road. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Leak Detection PSC – Utility Services Associates**– Manager Bischoff presented the Professional Service Contract with Utility Services Associates for leak detection. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to authorize Manager Bischoff to sign the PSC contract with Utility Services Associates for leak detection in the amount of \$1,399. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Underground Replacement Schedule**- Manager Bischoff presented a summary of URD outages and the URD cable replacement projects scheduled for 2014.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 15 minutes. Commissioner Leach, Commissioner Gale, Commissioner Esch, Manager Bischoff, and Attorney Woodrich were in attendance. Executive session ended at 10:00 a.m.

## MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **Water Leaks** – Manager Bischoff reported on July water leaks.
- **Smith-Beckon Development**- Manager Bischoff reported that the PUD will be evaluating water connection plans for a new development on Smith-Beckon Road in Carson.
- **Outage Report** - Manager Bischoff provided the outage report for June 2014.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **Bad Debts** – Manager Bischoff presented Bad Debts in the amount of \$1,240.68. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **seconded** to approve the Bad Debt Write-Off of \$1,240.68. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Gale reported on his attendance at the July WPUA Meeting.

## CALENDAR:

- The Energy NW Board Meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2014.
- The PPC Meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2014.
- The WPAG Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2014.

## VOUCHER APPROVAL:

After discussion Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to approve the vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090. **Motion passed unanimously.**

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Electric System</b>	<b>50769-50828</b>	<b>\$303,757.51</b>
<b>Carson Water</b>	<b>6327-6336</b>	<b>\$46,540.50</b>
<b>Underwood Water</b>	<b>3723-3727</b>	<b>\$2,013.61</b>

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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**Clyde Leach, President**

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**Dennis Gale, Secretary**

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be  
**Monday, August 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**