

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

October 20, 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 October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. The Commissioners requested that for any split vote the minutes should specify which Commissioner voted for and against the motion. **Motion passed unanimously as revised.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Diane Green commented on accounts payable.
- Sherry Esch commented on the recent candidate's night and the status of Skamania County funding.
- Liz Green inquired about the status and warranty for the new truck.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Feedback to Energy NW – State Carbon Policy and Future Use of Nuclear Technology** –Manager Bischoff summarized a request from Energy Northwest that Skamania PUD provide feedback about the utility's position on potential State carbon policy and use of nuclear technology for electric energy generation. Following discussion, the Commissioners asked Manager Bischoff to formalize a response to Energy NW summarizing the PUD's opposition to a State Carbon Policy that may negatively impact the utility industry and support the use of nuclear technology to meet future regional energy needs.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **September 2014 Outage Report** – Manager Bischoff presented the September 2014 outage report and year-to-date outage frequency statistics.
- **Underwood Fire**– Manager Bischoff reported that he has a meeting scheduled with one of the landowners affected by the Underwood fire. They will discuss means to prevent future fires.
- **Underwood Substation Project** – Manager Bischoff reported that the bid opening for Underwood substation components is scheduled for October 20. Klickitat PUD has expressed interest in purchasing the used transformer located at the substation.
- **Undergrounding of Overhead Line** – Manager Bischoff reported that the PUD has a request from a developer for an estimate to convert a section of overhead line to underground. The development is on the east side of Stevenson. The City has made this line transition a requirement for the developer to gain final approval of the project. The project will be financed by the developer.
- **URD Replacement Project** - Manager Bischoff reported on the two projects that are being completed on the west end of the County.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- **Bad Debts** – Auditor McEathron presented Bad Debt of \$2,138.69. After discussion, Commissioner Esch made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **seconded** to approve Bad Debts in the amount of \$2,138.69. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **WA SOA Audit** – Auditor McEathron reported that the state audit will be starting November 3rd. A pre-audit conference is scheduled following the regular Board Meeting on November 3rd.
- **COSA Study** – Auditor McEathron reported that he plans to present the COSA study at the regular Board Meeting on November 3rd.
- **Rate Hearings** – Auditor McEathron discussed conducting rate hearings for electric rate restructuring and water system rate increases. The Commissioners requested that separate electric rate hearings be conducted within each of the three districts.

CALENDAR:

- The Energy NW Board Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2014.
- The PPC Meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2014.
- The PURMS Board Meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2014.
- The WPUA Meetings are scheduled for November 19-21, 2014.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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.**

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	51112-51169	\$300,037.76
Carson Water	6376-6380	\$1,715.51
Underwood Water	3750-3754	\$2,997.35

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Betty Daubenspeck discussed payment for gifts using the employee fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Clyde Leach, President

Dennis Gale, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, November 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.