

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

October 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Liz Green at 9:00 a.m. at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Liz Green; Commissioner Dan Boyes; Commissioner Dave McKenzie; General Manager John Goodman; Manager of Finance and Administration Randy Payne; Attorney Rick Hughes; Customer Service Representative Kelly Tennison; and Project Manager Melanie Sharp.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Green noted that John Prescott will present at the October 21, 2019 meeting instead of the current meeting. Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve the October 7, 2019 Agenda as changed. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2020 BUDGET HEARING:

- Commissioner Green opened the 2020 Budget Hearing at 9:04 a.m. No public were present. The 2019 Budget Meeting was closed at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Boyes made a **motion** and Commissioner Green **seconded** to approve the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed with two votes for (Commissioners Green and Boyes) and one abstention (Commissioner McKenzie).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2680 – 2020 Budget Adoption** – Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2680 establishing the 2020 Budgets. Commissioner Boyes discussed his concerns with AMI metering costs and challenges. Attorney Hughes discussed his experience with AMI conversions and an ongoing class action lawsuit with Seattle City Light. After discussion, Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2680 and the 2020 Budgets. **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2681 – Large Load/Cannabis Rates** – Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2681. After discussion, Commissioner Boyes made a **motion** and Commissioner McKenzie **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2681 setting the 2020 New Large Load and Cannabis Rates. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Resolution No. 2682 – 2020 Electric System Rates** –Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2682. Mr. Payne noted that “Sodium” will be struck from the Security/Yard Lights description since LEDs are also being installed. After discussion, Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2682 setting the 2020 Electric System Rates as corrected. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Resolution No. 2683 – 2020 Carson Water System Rates** - Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2683. After discussion, Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2683 setting the 2020 Carson Water System Rates. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Resolution No. 2684 – 2020 Underwood Water System Rates** - Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2684. After discussion, Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2684 setting the 2020 Underwood Water System Rates. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Resolution No. 2685 – 2020 Senior and Disabled Customer Rebates** - The Commissioners discussed Resolution No. 2685. Attorney Hughes noted that the application should be changed to note “persons residing in household”. After discussion, Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2685 establishing 2020 electric rebates for senior and disabled customers as set forth in Exhibit A. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Resolution No. 2686 – Construction Fund Transfer – Electric System** - Mr. Payne presented Resolution No. 2686. After discussion, Commissioner Boyes made a **motion** and Commissioner McKenzie **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2686 transferring \$156,103.86 from the Electric Construction Fund to the Electric General Fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

- Attorney Hughes discussed RCW 42.19.648 and WAC Chapter 194.29, requiring local governments to implement and report on converting fleets to electric vehicles to the extent practicable. Attorney Hughes also discussed transferring risk through strong indemnity clauses and insurance requirements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Pole Inspections** – Ms. Sharp presented a summary of the 2019 pole inspection results.
- **Board Meetings** – The Commissioners discussed a potential change to the Regular Board Meeting dates.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Manager Goodman discussed the following:

- Grounding at the Carson Substation
- Powerline Carrier AMI
- Hiring of Customer Service Representative
- Benchmarking staffing numbers
- Cascade Locks electric assistance

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **Health & Welfare Plan** – Mr. Payne reported on the planned changes to the PUD Health and Welfare Plan and the PURMS presentation of benefits to staff.

There was a 5-minute break at 10:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

- **Self Reads** – Mr. Payne noted that he is going to be removing some customers from the self-read program due to a history of inadequate reporting.
- **Audit Update** – Mr. Payne gave an update of the ongoing audit. The exit conference is planned for the October 21 Board Meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Boyes discussed his attendance at the WPUDA Water Workshop.
- Commissioner Green discussed her attendance at the OPUDA Annual Conference.
- Commissioners Green, McKenzie, and Boyes discussed their attendance at the PPC Meeting.

CALENDAR:

- WPUDA, Budget Committee, Thursday, October 17, 2019
- WPAG, Thursday, October 24, 2019
- Energy Northwest Public Power Forum, Thursday-Friday, October 31 – November 1, 2019
- PPC Annual Meeting, Thursday, November 14, 2019
- WPUDA, Wednesday-Friday, November 13-15, 2019

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a **motion** and Commissioner Boyes **seconded** to approve the vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090 for Electric ACH/Wire Transfers, Pre-issued, and Regular, Carson Water ACH/Wire Transfers, Pre-issued, Regular, Underwood Water Pre-Issued and Underwood Water Regular as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Voucher	Numbers	Amount
<u>Electric</u>		
ACH/Wire Transfers	8800026 - 8800028	\$ 457,313.68
Pre-issued	58122 – 58129	\$ 136,549.23
Regular	58130 - 58190	\$ 309,693.42
<u>Carson Water</u>		
ACH/Wire Transfers	8800010	\$ 8,275.74
Pre-issued	-	-
Regular	7239 – 7247	\$ 5,555.65
<u>Underwood Water</u>		
ACH/Wire Transfers	8800010	\$ 6,265.13
Pre-issued	-	-
Regular	4164 – 4166	\$ 6,825.28

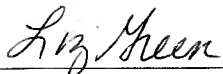
GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- None.

DOCUMENT SIGNING:

- The Commissioners participated in signing documents.

Commissioner Boyes made a **motion** and Commissioner McKenzie **seconded** to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Liz Green, President



Dan Boyes, Secretary

The next scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.