

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

September 2, 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 August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Diane Green commented on the proposed 2015 budget.
- Dan Gunderson commented on the bond issue process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2465 – Carson Water Construction Fund Transfer** – Auditor McEathron presented Resolution No. 2465 transferring \$53,864.10 from the Carson Water Construction Fund for capital improvement expenses. Commissioner Esch requested that the resolution be amended to specify that the transfer was from the Carson Water System. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2465 as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **2015 Proposed Bond Issue** – Jeb Spengler, with Piper Jaffray, presented information and answered questions regarding the 2015 proposed bond issue.
- **Electric COSA Preliminary Results** – Steve Andersen, with EES Consulting, presented the preliminary results of the electric system Cost of Service Analysis (COSA).

Diane Green inquired about the average basic charge of other utilities.

There was a break at 10:50 a.m. for 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

- **Resolution No. 2457 – Financial Policies** - Auditor McEathron presented Resolution No. 2457 establishing financial policies for the planning and management of district finances. After discussion, Commissioner Gale made a **motion** and Commissioner Esch **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2457. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Strategic Plan Status** – Manager Bischoff presented an update of Strategic Plan Action Priorities.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a duration of 15 minutes. Executive session ended at 12:15 p.m.

There was a one-hour break for lunch at 12:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2015 Proposed Budget** – Auditor McEathron presented the proposed Electric, Carson Water and Underwood Water budgets for 2015. The Board discussed several line items with management.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **Design Review of Proposed Development off of Smith-Beckon Road** – Manager Bischoff reported that the PUD is reviewing the water system design for a proposed subdivision off of Smith-Beckon Road.
- **Electric Service Request for Cannabis Grow Operation** - Manager Bischoff reported that the PUD has received a 1000amp electric service request for a cannabis grow operation in the Washougal River area.
- **Wauna Lake** – Manager Bischoff provided an update on the recent URD outages and planned URD replacement project at Wauna Lake.
- **Underwood Substation** – Manager Bischoff discussed the benefits of using feeder regulators to provide voltage regulation in the Underwood substation plans. This will provide a number of benefits including lower overall cost but it will result in additional design work that is not part of the original IEC design contract.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- None.

CALENDAR:

- The PPC Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2014.
- The WPUA Meetings are scheduled for September 17-19, 2014.

- The WPUDA Water Workshop is scheduled for September 24-26, 2014.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Auditor McEathron noted that there was an error in the vouchers and the payment to Summit Excavation in the amount of \$67,613.57 should be from the Carson Water System instead of the Underwood Water System. After discussion Commissioner Esch made a **motion** and Commissioner Gale **seconded** to approve as amended 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	50927-50968	\$469,267.04
Carson Water	6357-6362	\$69,812.75
Underwood Water	3738-3739	\$951.80

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Diane Green commented on the electric rates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Clyde Leach, President

Dennis Gale, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday, September 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.