

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

October 15, 2012

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

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to accept the October 1, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mary Repar – Invited the Board of Commissioners and PUD staff to the Global Climate Change Conference being sponsored by the Friends of Mt. Adams on November 3rd, 2012. Ms. Repar asked about current litigation costs and if an end to the litigation was in sight. Ms. Repar asked if the Special Projects Coordinator could do some research on innovative ideas that could benefit the PUD. Commissioner Gale - no comment on the current litigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2405 – Increase The Rates For The Carson Water System** – Auditor McEathron provided an overview of the resolution and the rate increase of 10%. After further discussion, Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to accept Resolution No. 2405 increasing the rates 10%. Commissioner Esch **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Resolution No. 2406 – Transfer \$67,155.88 From The Underwood Water 2005 Bond Construction Fund To The Underwood Water General Fund For Capital Improvement Expenses** – Auditor McEathron provided an overview of the fund transfer from the Underwood Water 2005 Bond Construction Fund to the Underwood Water General Fund. After Further discussion, Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to accept Resolution No. 2406 transferring \$67,155.88. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Resolution No. 2407 – Adopting Policy Concerning The District’s Health Reimbursement Arrangement/Voluntary Employee’s Beneficiary Association (“HRA VEBA”) Plan As Applied to Commissioners** – Auditor McEathron provided an overview of the HRA VEBA Plan as applied to the Board of Commissioners. After further discussion, the Board of Commissioners decided to revisit Resolution No. 2407 during the next scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.
- **Bid Award – Carson Reservoir – Inlet Piping** – Interim Manager Gentry provided an overview of the Carson Reservoir Painting Project and the additional bid to install inlet piping in the Carson Reservoir.

Interim Manager Gentry recommends awarding the bid to Western Tank and Pipe for \$16,000. After further discussion, Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to award the bid in the amount of \$16,000 to Western Tank and Pipe. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Electric Capital Plan** – Interim Manger Gentry provided an update on the Electric Capital Plan. Commissioner Gale asked if re-bidding the Underwood Substation Expansion Project would produce similar results to the first round of bids. Interim Manager Gentry suggests inviting John Bakken of EES Consulting to help answer questions raised by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Esch would like a roundtable or workshop to discuss the direction of the PUD with respect to the substations. The Board of Commissioners suggested having a BPA Transmission Executive meet with the board. The Board of Commissioner asked staff to research the possibility of feeds from Klickitat PUD on the east end of the county.
- **Bear Creek Fish Passage** – Special Projects Coordinator Fielding provided and update on the progress for obtaining fish passage at the Bear Creek diversion.

Break at 10:30 a.m. for 5 minutes

Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Leach, citing the financial challenges facing the Underwood Water System, offered the PUD a loan in the amount of \$300,000 at a rate of 5% for 24 years for Underwood Water System capital improvements. Attorney Woodrich acknowledged the gracious offer but expressed the state law prohibiting officials from having a beneficial interest in contracts.

The Board entered into Executive Session to evaluate General Manager applicants in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), at 10:40 a.m. for 15 minutes.

Executive session was extended for 10 minutes.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- PUD Headquarters Doors – Interim Manager Gentry provided an update on the door replacement project for the PUD headquarters.
- Outage Report – Interim Manager Gentry presented the outage report for September 2012.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **Bad Debts** – Auditor McEathron removed the Bad Debts Report from the agenda. The Bad Debts Report will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Gale reported on his attendance of a NWPPA Strategic Planning meeting.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Esch seconded the **motion**, and the **motion was carried unanimously**.

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	48301-48357	\$533,186.80
Carson Water	6011-6021	\$28,872.46
Underwood Water	3558-3560	\$13,542.12

Break for lunch at 11:40 a.m. for 60 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session to evaluate General Manager Applicants in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), at 12:40 p.m. for a 30 minute duration.

Executive session was extended for 30 minutes.

Executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

Regular meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Dennis Gale, President

Curt Esch, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be
Monday, November 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.