

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

April 4th, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dennis Gale at 9:03 a.m. at the PUD office in Carson, WA. The following persons were present: Commissioner Curt Esch; Commissioner Clyde Leach; Commissioner Dennis Gale; Project Manager, Humaira Falkenberg; WO/HR Coordinator, Shonna Taylor; Public Members, Betty Daubenspeck, Liz Green, Diane Green, Sherry Esch, Susan Krug and Breanna Porter.

MINUTES

Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to approve the March 21, 2011 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Esch **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Esch, Liz Green and Breanna Porter commented to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Records Request Policy** – The Commission discussed the draft Public Records Request Policy. Commissioner Leach suggested changes to the draft policy.

Break at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

- **BPA Residential Exchange Settlement Agreement** – Humaira Falkenberg did a presentation for the Board to aid in the decision to sign or not sign the Residential Exchange Agreement. The Board must make the decision by April 15, 2011. Commissioner Leach made a **motion** not to sign the BPA Residential Exchange Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Gale stepped down to **second** the motion. After discussion the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Health Care for Attorney** – Discussion was held on the health care issue for the District's attorney. Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to have staff request Pacific Underwriter's attorney, Jan Essenberg to seek a formal opinion from the Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Esch **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

Public comment by Sherry Esch, Betty Daubenspeck, Liz Green, Diane Green, and Breanna Porter.

Lunch break at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

- **Governance Policy** – The Commission worked on the draft Governance Policy.

Public Member Charles Pace made a public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fund Balance as of April 1, 2011 & December 2010 Financial Reports** – The Commission reviewed the District’s fund balances and financial reports prepared by Accountant Salvie Stevens.
- **Customer Comments** – The Commission reviewed the customer comments.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Wittenberg reported that the annual NWPPA meeting will be held in Reno May 22, 2011 to May 26, 2011 and it will be necessary to designate a voting delegate. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to have Manager Wittenberg be the voting delegate for the District. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: None.

Attorney Woodrich exited the meeting.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

The following vouchers were approved for payment by a **motion** made by Commissioner Esch.

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	46170-46218	\$ 592,631.27
Carson Water	5759-5763	\$ 23,186.71
Underwood Water	3423-3426	\$ 12,057.49

Commissioner Leach **seconded**, and the motion was **carried unanimously**.

Public Comment : Liz Green commented to the Commission.


The Board went into **Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.** for 10 minutes regarding interviews for the Auditor/Manager of Finance & Accounting.

Executive Session extended 5 minutes.


Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Woodrich reported by telephone on the status of the public records request by Sherry Esch that are still outstanding.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Dennis Gale, President



Curt Esch, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be:
Monday, April 18th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.