

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

April 16, 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 April 2, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Liz Green – Shared her desire for minutes to contain more details and provided feedback on the public meeting survey.
- Mary Repar – Inquired as to the status of the governance policy and recommended meetings in different locations within the district.

Commissioner Gale inquired into the customer letter from the previous meeting and directed staff to add the discussion in the April 2, 2012 minutes. Staff will amend minutes from April 2, 2012 to be approved at the next Commissioner's Meeting. The Commissioners also directed staff to provide an overview of the energy assistance programs available to customers at the next board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Energy Efficiency Program Update** – Mark Gosvener of Efficiency Services Group (ESG) presented an update of the program and impacts of reduced energy efficiency budget from BPA. Mr. Gosvener recommended the District reduce the rebate amounts to ensure efficiency incentives will extend through the Energy Efficiency Incentives (EEI) budget period. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to accept the EEI budget modifications. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the EEI budget was **approved unanimously**.

Break at 10:28 a.m. for 7 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Carson Reservoir Rehab Project Update** – Tom Vance, Water Distribution Manger, provided an update on the reservoir painting project and the steps taken minimize project costs. The PUD will delay repainting of the reservoir until Fall 2012 and rebid the project.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2393 Retiree Continuation Benefits** – Auditor McEathron presented the resolution formalizing in policy the PUD’s long standing practice of providing continuation health benefits to retirees of medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. This continued coverage is paid by the retiree. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve Resolution 2393 and ratify the policy to provide retirees continued benefits. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and Resolution No. 2393 was **approved unanimously**.

## ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Attorney Woodrich reported the Port of Skamania has been awarded an additional \$350,000 for the Wind River feasibility study, increasing total funding to \$430,000. The Wind River Task Force will be meeting this week to discuss the project.

The Board entered into **Executive Session** to discuss public employee performance in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) at 11:25 a.m. for a duration of 20 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

## MANAGERS REPORT:

- Manager Gentry and General Foreman Leonard spoke with Helen Paulus and will be developing a cost estimate for placing the line underground or moving the distribution line.
- Manager Gentry presented the Outage Report.
- Di-electric testing had been completed.
- New Meter Reader vehicle had been ordered.
- Shop door testing, weatherization and maintenance have been scheduled.

## AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- Auditor McEathron presented bad debt write-offs in the amount of \$1,310.50. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve the bad debts in the amount of \$1,310.50. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

## COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Esch provided a report from the PPC meeting and concerns regarding the Energy Secretary Chu memo.
- Commissioner Gale provided a report from the WPUA Commissioners Roundtable in which Slade Gordon discussed redistricting and the Special Board meeting resulted in no change to WPUA officer appointments.

## VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Electric System	47618-47674	\$407,946.81
Carson Water	5921-5930	\$14,597.91
Underwood Water	3503-3504	\$9,311.02

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Sherry Esch – Inquired of the PUD’s research into the impact of the attorney’s healthcare upon the IRS’s 1099 form and the status of a General Manager search. Manager Gentry stated the PUD is still researching the IRS implications of the attorney healthcare.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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**Dennis Gale, President**

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**Curt Esch, Secretary**

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be  
**Monday May 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**