

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

July 2, 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 June 18, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

Commissioner Gale expressed his concern about the climate of the board and the general public and wishes the collective focus be redirected to addressing the many important issues facing the PUD.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Liz Green – Agrees that sometimes no good can come from living in the past but also believes that the public should be capable of questioning the board about past activities. Ms. Green stated she would like Commissioner Leach to clarify his testimony to the Sherriff's Office. Ms. Green questioned the need to hire an Executive Assistant at this time. Ms. Green stated the Human Resource Coordinator should handle the General Manager search.
- Sherry Esch – Opposed the hiring of an Executive Assistant and cited various reasons.
- Mary Repar – Commented that past actions sometimes speak to future activities. Ms. Repar apologized for not bringing the closure memo mentioned during the June 4th meeting and plans to submit that document for the record. Ms. Repar would like clarification as to who made the statement about maligning the character of Commissioner Esch. Ms. Repar also commented about the PUD's need of a governance policy.

Commissioner Esch responded to Ms. Repar's comments by stating they were incorrect and that we have moved past a governance policy because it is not needed at this utility.

Commissioner Leach commented that the Board has not finished dealing with the Governance Policy.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 9:20 a.m. for a duration of 30 minutes.

Executive session ended at 9:50 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Executive Assistant Position** – Interim Manager Gentry presented an overview of a proposed Executive Assistant Position. Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to approve the Executive Assistant Position. Commissioner Esch **seconded** the motion for discussion purposes. After further discussion by the Board, Commissioner Esch withdrew his **second** and Commissioner Leach withdrew the **motion**. It was suggested the topic of an Executive Assistant be discussed during the Strategic Planning workshop.

Break at 10:52 a.m. for 8 minutes

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

- **APPA Membership** – Auditor McEathron presented an overview and required dues for rejoining APPA. After further discussion, no action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- General Manager Search – The Board of Commissioners asked for an update on the search process for a General Manager. The job announcement has been advertised in Monster, LinkedIn, Career Builder and NWPPA. The Board has directed staff to advertise in the Skamania County Pioneer, the Klickitat Enterprise, and the Washougal Post Record.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 11:20 a.m. for a duration of 10 minutes.

Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- None

Attorney Woodrich was dismissed at 11:35 a.m.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Digital Mapping Update – Scott Fielding provided an update on the progress of the Digital Mapping Project.
- BPA Rates Outlook – Manager Gentry and Auditor McEathron presented details on the BPA Rates Outlook.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

- Auditor McEathron presented Fund Balance Report as of June 2012.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Commissioner Esch expressed concern about the state of the economy in Skamania County and the financial direction of the PUD.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	47890-47935	\$435,976.55
Carson Water	5959-5966	\$3,473.76
Underwood Water	3520-3523	\$3,109.98

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Dennis Gale, President

Curt Esch, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be
Monday July 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.