

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

August 6, 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.

Commissioner Gale asked Attorney Woodrich provide an update on the Wind River Nursery Project.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Leach made a **motion** to accept the July 16, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes and the July 27, 2012 Board of Commissioner Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Esch **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Liz Green – Would like to caution the Board on adding additional staff during these tough economic times facing Skamania County. Ms. Green requested a response from Commissioner Leach about inconsistencies provided to the County Prosecutor.
- Charles Pace – Provided comments about water rights and the Integrated Program Review. Mr. Pace also commented on the future Biological Opinion for the Columbia River due in 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Energy Northwest Update** – James Oakley, Energy Northwest, provided an overview of Energy Northwest and the status of power generation update and the direction that Energy Northwest is moving in the future.
- **Resolution No. 2397 – Retirement Liability Fund** – Auditor McEathron provided an overview of the Retirement Liability Fund and recommended a monthly contribution of \$7,500 beginning January 2013 with a maximum balance of \$500,000. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve Resolution 2397. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Carson and Underwood Capital Improvement Plans - Interim Manger Gentry and Water Distribution Manager Vance provided an overview on the Carson and Underwood water systems capital improvement needs. Commissioner Gale inquired about the EES Capital Improvement Plan and the \$522,000 budgeted for the two water systems during 2012. Mr. Vance provided an update on the Industrial Well water rights acquisition, reservoir coating project, leak detection in Carson and Underwood, and the generator connection at the industrial well site. These projects made up the majority of the \$522,000 in the EES Capital Improvement Plan.

- Attorney Woodrich provided an update on the Port of Skamania County's progress on water rights and a water source at the old nursery site in Stabler. The Port of Skamania County is charged with developing a separate waste system on the site and will be fairly expensive development. The Port is planning on drilling a test well and if productive it could become a production well.
- Tom Vance discussed the Brook Road Reservoir and the need to construct the reservoir for potential growth along Brooks Road and the need to maintain fire flows within the Carson Water System. The staff is working on getting updated estimates for the construction of the reservoir and will bring these estimates back to the board at a future date.

Break at 10:50 a.m. for 8 minutes

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

- The Board has asked staff to rework the Improvement Plans and balance the projects over the next five years.
- Tom Vance discussed the Underwood Water System Capital Improvement Plan and the future work projected over the next five years in the Underwood system.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 11:40 a.m. for a duration of 30 minutes.

Executive session ended at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m.

Attorney Woodrich was dismissed at 12:16 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

MANAGERS REPORT:

- None

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- **2nd Quarter 2012 Financial Reports** – Auditor McEathron provided an overview of the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports and fund balances for all three systems.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Gale provided an overview of a letter from Labor and Industries and the new requirements of contractors providing prevailing wage documentation.

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	48001-48070	\$555,555.01
Carson Water	5976-5986	\$30,652.96
Underwood Water	3532-3539	\$29,514.25

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Dennis Gale, President

Curt Esch, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Monday August 20th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.