

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

August 20, 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; Interim Manager, Robert Gentry; Auditor, Jasen McEathron; Attorney Ken Woodrich; and Special Project Coordinator, Scott Fielding. Commissioner Leach joined the meeting by phone.

MINUTES:

- Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to accept the August 6, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sherry Esch – Enjoyed the presentation from EES Consulting and Wallis Engineering, concerned about possible rate increases, asked if the replacement transformers for the substation have been checked for PCB's, and would like to caution the PUD on adding additional staff during these tough economic times.
- Mary Repar – Commented on the status of the Governance Policy, asked if the PUD would research underground substations and fuel cells, and thanked the PUD for its past participation in the Lion's Club recycling program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution No. 2398 Carson Bond Construction Fund Transfer** – Auditor McEathron presented the resolution designating the transfer of \$58,162.18 from the Carson Water 2005 Bond Construction Fund to the Carson Water General Fund. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve Resolution No. 2398. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Resolution No. 2399 Underwood Bond Construction Fund Transfer** – Auditor McEathron presented the resolution designating the transfer of \$30,199.71 from the Underwood Water 2005 Bond Construction Fund to the Underwood Water General Fund. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve Resolution No. 2399. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Resolution No. 2400 Authorizing the disposal of surplus items** – Auditor McEathron presented the resolution designating the removal of obsolete, unserviceable, and excess items from the District's records. After further discussion, Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve Resolution No. 2400. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.
- **Bid Award Underwood Water System – Scoggins Road Water Main Replacement Phase I** – Brent Gruber, Wallis Engineering, presented the bid tabulations for the Scoggins Road Water Main replacement and suggested accepting the bid of \$225,093.00 provided by Paul Lambson Contracting. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to accept the Paul Lambson Contracting bid and authorize the

Manager to sign the contract for the Scoggins Road Water Main Replacement. Commissioner Leach **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved unanimously**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Carson and Underwood Water System Capital Plans – Brent Gruber, Wallis Engineering, provided and overview of the Carson and Underwood Water Systems Capital Plans.
- Brooks Road Low Income Housing Project – Interim Manager Gentry will write a letter to parties involved with the project, stating the PUD isn't capable of providing enough water for this project.

Break at 10:25 a.m. for 5 minutes

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 10:30 a.m. for a duration of 25 minutes.

Meeting Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- None
- Attorney Woodrich was dismissed at 11:03 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- General Manager Search – The closing date for the General Managers position is August 31, 2012. The Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting the week of September 4th, 2012 to review applications for the General Manager position.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Outage Report – Manager Gentry presented the outage report for July 2012.
- Interim Manager Gentry provided an overview on his attendance at the WAPAG retreat in Ellensburg, Washington.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

- Auditor McEathron presented bad debt write-offs. Commissioner Esch made a **motion** to approve the bad debts in the amount of \$3,146.57. Commissioner Gale **seconded** the motion and the motion was **approved 2-0**.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- None

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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

Voucher	Number	Amount
Electric System	48074-48125	\$221,995.97
Carson Water	5987-5994	\$20,512.00
Underwood Water	3540-3544	\$14,303.77

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Dennis Gale, President

Curt Esch, Secretary

The next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be
Tuesday September 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.