

**Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
March 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 2013 at the District Office Board Room in Potlatch.

Present

Ron Gold- President
Karl Denison- Vice President
Jack Janda- Secretary
Steve Taylor- General Manager
Tracy Colard- Director of Ops- Electric
Kristin Masteller- Dir. of Employee & Public Relations
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Ops-Water
Rob Johnson- District Counsel

Visitors

Jeff McHargue- Alderbrook Customer

Excused

Greg Kester- District Auditor & Dir. of Finance/Customer Svc.

CONSENT AGENDA

By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

The minutes of the February 26, 2013 regular meeting.

Payroll warrants #105899-105906 in the amount of \$74,121.91; Accounts Payable warrants #105890-105898 in the amount of \$1,292.78 and #105907-105930 in the amount of \$51,965.50 for a total vouchers amount of \$127,474.19.

Jack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff McHargue lives in Alderbrook and feels that outages are an ongoing problem in that area. He had a discussion with the commission regarding causes and potential fixes for those outages.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Discussion of Underground in Alderbrook

Karl asked to have a discussion about the underground lines in Alderbrook. Tracy and Steve have been looking at the work plan, which is almost complete and needs to be rewritten for the next four years of projected work, along with rate impacts from Greg. Tracy said 12,000 feet has been replaced in conduit and there is less than 1,000 feet of pre-1985 wire in that area. The remaining wire that is in there is still good wire and there may be three or four spots that still have some old wire. Faulted cable is a priority. It has been a long time since we have had a fault in the Alderbrook area so crews have been focusing on other areas of the system that have multiple faults each year.

In regards to looping the system for redundancy, it's almost impossible to tie subs together due to the locations and layout of our system. There are other things we can do to secure the loads at individual substations and circuits, however one underground fault in an 18 month period in a newer underground line isn't as high of a priority or emergency as other areas of our system that

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experience multiple faults every year. Steve said staff will put a workshop together to outline the next four year work plan and present it to the board this spring.

Call for Bids for Hood Canal A&B Intertie Project

Consultant Gray & Osborn is ready to go out to bid for the Hood Canal A&B Intertie project. Jocelyne has the call for bids ready for board approval. Karl and Ron asked Jocelyne to give a rough estimate of how much the cost would be in house vs. contracted, but was not suggesting that we do it all in house. Jocelyne will look into it and report at a later time.

Jack made a motion to approve the Call for Bids for the Hood Canal A&B Intertie Project as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

Steve's report was included in the Alderbrook underground discussion. He will attend the NWPPA board meeting the rest of this week.

STAFF REPORTS

Tracy Colard:

Tracy is going to Battle Ground tomorrow for substation bid opening and to discuss new work plan. Tracy presented a change order for the control building on the substation in the amount of \$396.00.

Jack made a motion to approve the change order as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Jocelyne Gray:

Jocelyne handed out copies of the View Ridge Heights Water System Plan-Part B that we will be having a public hearing on at the next meeting on the 19th. Met with the Union Heights customers last Saturday regarding generator costs and losing water during outages and what options are available. Will be opening bids for Canal Mutual materials this week.

Greg Kester:

Greg was excused from the meeting.

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Kristin Masteller:

Kristin confirmed the board's strategic planning date for August 29th at Alderbrook Resort. Meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rob Johnson:

Rob reminded the commission that the PUDs are limited to \$150,000 (materials and labor) per project of what they can do in-house.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Nothing to report.

Ron: Nothing to report.

Jack: Tracy agreed that we would replace the pole in Hoodsport to assist with the banner hanging. Jack will report this to the Hoodsport Merchants Association.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Ron Gold, President

Karl Denison, Vice President

Jack Janda, Secretary