

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
January 28, 2014

**Present**

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

**Visitors**

Lisa Caldwell, Customer

**Excused**

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The minutes of the January 14, 2014 regular meeting.

Accounts Payable warrants #107522 \$120.00, #107529-107285 \$605,211.03; Payroll warrants #107523-107528 \$98,075.12 for a total vouchers amount of \$703,406.15.

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

**Visitors**

Lisa Caldwell was welcomed to the meeting.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 1049- Authorizing Sole Source for Service Meters**

Karl made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1049 as presented; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1050- Authorizing Sole Source for Underground Cable**

Jack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1049 as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Claim for Damages- Caldwell**

Ms. Caldwell stated that her power was flickering and then the next day she realized that none of her appliances worked. She gave a summary of the power quality issues she's been having and a list of appliances that burned out. She hired an electrician to come out and assess the situation and double check the breaker panel to make sure that it works on her end. She expressed that she is not happy with all the wires left on her driveway and the digging that the PUD did without communicating with her. She feels that it has taken too long to process her

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claim. She has brought additional information for her claims. Rob will review the claim with the new information and the board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to either take action on the claim or refer it to the District's insurance adjuster.

**Claim for Damages- Arvella**

Steve spoke with the customer this morning. A customer service rep told her to fill out the form and she thought there was a fund to assist customers whose appliances fail. She stated to Steve that she knew it wasn't the PUD's fault and that it was due to storm damage. She said she understood the need to establish negligence by the District and didn't need a response from the PUD after the board denies the claim due to lack of negligence. Steve went through some options for her on surge protectors and how to help prevent loss of items in the future.

Jack made a motion to deny the claim for damages as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor**

Steve stated that Elliot Mainzer was selected as the permanent director for BPA. Steve has decided to change the protocol for the claim for damages packets so customers are aware of how the process works and what type of information needs to be included in the claim. Steve reviewed Safe Site remote motion detectors for security options to compare it to the SCADA monitoring. Greg is attending the BPA segmentation meeting today to support the status quo for transmission segmentation rate structure. Karl asked Steve to look at changing our standards for secondary line installation to be installed in conduit each time. Steve gave an update on the information he got from Pleasant Harbor.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Darin Hall:**

Working on the development at Beacon Hill area and crews are finishing the transformer, wire and connecting that area. Did an inspection on the new line truck before it went to be painted.

**Jocelyne Gray:**

Finishing up services at Canal Mutual and the report is at the State right now and we're waiting for that back. Jocelyne will get a final project letter out to customers once she has the final costs. The board asked Jocelyne to meet with Peggy of the Hoodspout Winery to discuss her plans for water system development.

**Greg Kester:**

No report.

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**Kristin Masteller:**

We have totally revamped our Emergency Response Plan and will conduct a drill later this year. Shared the ERP with Thurston County PUD. Held two Respectful Workplace trainings last week. Kristin sent letters out to our water tech applicant pool to help Thurston PUD find a new water tech. Been assisting Jefferson PUD with policy requests. We are ordering new business cards that reflect the new mason-pud1.org email addresses. Karl will attend the WPUDA legislative luncheon on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Rob Johnson:**

Rob gave an overview of the Public Disclosure Commission's rules about lobbying on behalf of the PUD.

**BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Karl:** Karl went to Corvallis to tour the new scale nuclear reactor. Karl stated that he project is really great and he hopes they do well. He reviewed an article in Newsweek about BPA and nuclear fuel. Attended a BPA presentation on their need for capital funding.

**Ron:** Attended policy committee meeting this week at the PUD and discussed the probation period policy.

**Jack:** At the WPUDA meeting George thought that it was important to have representation at the APPA meeting in Washington, D.C. Jack thought that Karl should go to the rally and see if the association would share part of the costs. There is a legislative workshop on small nuclear that he might attend at the Capital.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**

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Ron Gold, President

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Karl Denison, Vice President

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Jack Janda, Secretary