

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
March 25, 2014

Present

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

Visitors

None.

Excused

Greg Kester- Dir. of Finance & Cust. Service

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 March 11, 2014 regular meeting;

Accounts Payable warrants #107845-107846 \$354.80, #107853-107901 \$426,435.33; Payroll warrants #107847-107852 \$80,536.72 for a total vouchers amount of \$507,326.85.

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

Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Schedule Hood Canal Water System Plan- Public Hearing

April 22, 2014 at 1 p.m. This meeting is for approval of the water system plan before it is submitted to the state for approval.

Schedule Meeting with Union Heights Group for Union Water System

April 15, 2014 at the Union Fire Hall at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be to discuss options to provide water to the Union Heights road residents during power outages.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

Tim Sheldon has spoke with Darin and Steve. He wants to sell more property behind the PUD property and there is interest with other buyers but he wants to give the PUD the first option to buy. Attended NWPPA board meeting last week. Anita Decker officially started as Executive Director at that meeting. Steve gave an overview of the first quarter 2014 strategic work plan update.

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STAFF REPORTS

Darin Hall:

Started the rebuild on Highway 106 this month and its going very well.

Jocelyne Gray:

Canal Mutual has full approval by the state for 77 connections. Jocelyne is sending out letters to all the customers for them to let her know if they want connections so that way we can install the meters this summer. The rate conversion for the system to the metered rates will likely occur around November. Jocelyne reviewed a senate bill created by the Mobile Home Park Association that was defeated in the house. The Robin Hood Village LLC was one of the supporters of this bill. The bill proposes no base rate charges for vacant lots in mobile home parks. There's a lot of confusion and misinformation about what the capital surcharges and basic charges pay for as far as usage, system debt and maintenance and operations. Jocelyne handed out a water operations terminology sheet that briefly describes some of the issues that were discussed. Steve and Jocelyne plan to meet with the Robin Hood Village LLC manager and the Robin Hood Village owner to describe what the charges actually cover and educate the owners on the rate structures.

Greg Kester:

No report.

Kristin Masteller:

The company picnic will be on June 27th and the customer appreciation BBQ will be on September 26th.

Rob Johnson:

No report.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Had good WPUDA meeting last week and reviewed legislation that passed and did not pass. The 3rd party solar bill was a good one that did not pass. Asked about having a policy on how we will treat 3rd party solar contractors. We will look at some draft policies from other utilities before we decide which way to direct the policy committee.

Ron: Will sign up for APPA annual meeting and will attend PPC with Steve.

Jack: Reported on FERC and substation security requirements that were discussed at WPUDA. Jack asked if Greg could look into the federal incentives for energy efficiency programs. The 2014 WPUDA dues committee made some adjustments to their dues structures. ENW has been hit with a very extensive public records request.

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Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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