

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
May 24, 2016

Present

Karl Denison- President
Jack Janda- Vice President
Ron Gold- Secretary
Steven Taylor-General Manager
Kristin Masteller-Dir of Employee & Public Relations
Darin Hall-Director of Operations- Electric
Greg Kester- Dir. of Finance & Customer Service
Rob Johnson- Legal Counsel

Visitors

Mike Massa

Excused

Jocelyne Gray– Director of Ops - Water

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

Minutes May 10, 2016 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Vouchers:	Accounts Payable:	111657-111669	\$ 34,034.73
		111676-111729	\$ 744,221.37
	Payroll:	111670-111675	\$ 89,189.89
	Voids:	111656	(\$ 800.00)
		111484	(\$ 659.10)
	Total:		\$ 865,986.89

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

Public Comment

No comments.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Proposal to Take a Formal Board Position on I-732 Carbon Tax Initiative

Discussion on the initiative occurred with Mike Massa summarizing what he heard from the commission at the May 10th public hearing and again reiterating his position asking the board to support the initiative. Karl said that the proposed offset of a one percent reduction to the state sales tax and the working families tax incentive are not enough to repay what his own household would incur in new taxes just from commuting alone, let alone any increase on his power bill over the first year.

Jack thanked Mr. Massa for his time to exchange dialogue on the ideas and help educate the board. However all three commissioners stated they could not support the initiative due to financial consequences to ratepayers and in Mason County, such as potential loss of industry

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and jobs due to these additional taxes on transportation and energy. Mr. Massa agreed that any loss of employment as a result of the carbon tax "would be considered a policy failure". Jack said he would need to see a better model to replace the existing mandates, not compound them, in order to be on board with any carbon tax measure. Karl suggested that there were other more impactful areas that this initiative could focus on to realize real carbon reduction such as battery storage, electrifying the transportation sector, and helping the shipping industry find ways to burn cleaner fuel.

Jack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1072 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

RPA No. 117- Video Server/Equipment Upgrade

Steve would like to get all the surveillance equipment on the same digital capabilities so the camera feed can be monitored remotely from the iPads.

Ron made a motion to approve RPA No. 117 as presented; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was shared from Congressman Kilmer's office regarding Steve's visit with his office in April.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

NWPPA Annual Meeting summary.

STAFF REPORTS

Darin Hall: Duckabush Rebuild is complete. In house brush crew starts June 1st. Starting URD replacement at Union Ridge.

Jocelyne Gray: No report.

Greg Kester: Greg gave a report on the Casio's ISO workshop in Portland, OR. He went over the basic outline of how the ISO works in California.

Kristin Masteller: Kristin gave an update on the community solar project and the status of the EV charging station. There will be a ribbon cutting for the solar project on June 14th at 10:00 a.m. The company picnic is scheduled for the 24th. The Board strategic planning session will be on August 22nd.

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Rob Johnson: Rob's report was saved for executive session.

At 2:50 p.m. Karl called an executive session under RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee. He stated the session would last 10 minutes.

At 3:00 p.m. Karl closed the executive session and the regular meeting reconvened.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Karl reported on the NWPPA Annual Meeting.

Ron: No report.

Jack: No report.

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

Karl Denison, President

Jack Janda, Vice President

Ron Gold, Secretary