

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting  
June 9, 2015

**Present**

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

**Visitors**

Andrew Davis, *The Journal*

A public hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ELECTRIC RATE**

Greg Kester reported that due to warm weather, revenues are down over the last seven months, when the PUD typically receives 75% of its revenue, and the District expects a 5.6% rate increase coming in the fall from BPA. These factors have caused the PUD to need to raise rates in order to maintain current operations and tier. Karl and Jack commented that it was a better to have a rate increase during summer months instead of in the winter when bills are higher and that this base charge increase also spreads the cost share fairly between seasonal and permanent customers instead of tacking it onto kilowatt hour sales for the customers that are here year round. No public comment was made.

At 1:10 p.m. Karl closed the rate hearing and opened the business meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting;

Accounts Payable warrants #109959-109972 \$22,775.98, #109980-110044 \$98,785.79, and Payroll warrants #109973-109979 \$97,457.92 and Voided warrant #109554 (\$30.94) for a total vouchers amount of \$218,988.75.

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

**Visitors**

Andrew Davis was welcomed to the meeting.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 1063- Electric Rate Schedule 2015**

Jack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1063 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**Authorize the Manager to Sign the Employee Assistance Program Agreement**

Ron made a motion to authorize the manager to sign the new agreement; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

Steve has been working to get the SCADA system interfaced with our network. There are two levels of firewall protection so that gives us extra security. It will automatically disable if there are any attempts to interfere with communications from outside sources.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Darin Hall:**

BPA outage occurred on the Duckabush Substation. One of the bushings is leaking and needs to be replaced. It was installed in 1957. We have ordered a new one and Specialty Engineering will replace it tentatively on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Temps started this month.

**Jocelyne Gray:**

Jocelyne reported that her department is working on meter installations right now.

**Greg Kester:**

Revenue finally hit targets for the first time this year. Greg is still helping out at Jefferson PUD.

**Kristin Masteller:**

Attending WPUA HR committee meeting and EDC meetings this week.

**Rob Johnson:**

Rob went to the attorney meeting in Chelan last week. He gave some updates on the pole treatment and tree trimming contracts that are being scrutinized by the State Auditor's office.

**BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Karl:** No report.

**Ron:** FERC visited Lilliwaup Falls yesterday.

**Jack:** Gave some updates from the PPC meeting, including the fish and wildlife facts.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

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Karl Denison, President

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Jack Janda, Vice President

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Ron Gold, Secretary