

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
September 23, 2014

**Present**

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

**Visitors**

Laura Scheele & Jim Gaston, ENW  
Marcus Perry & Mark Symonds, BPA

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 September 9, 2014 regular meeting;

Accounts Payable warrants #108769-108770 \$600.00, #108777-108820 \$349,606.19 and Payroll warrants #108771-108776 \$82,820.82 and Voided warrants #108767 (\$375.00) & #108768 (\$375.00) for a total vouchers amount of \$432,277.01.

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

**Visitors**

Laura Scheele and Jim Gaston were welcomed to the meeting. Marcus Perry and Mark Symonds from BPA were also welcomed to the meeting.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**Visit from Energy Northwest**

Jim Gaston and Laura Scheele gave a presentation on Energy Northwest including a review of their Colombia Generating Station and the Excellence Model they used to improve their culture and work processes. They also discussed some new projects that are upcoming.

**Visit from Bonneville Power Administration**

Marcus Perry, PUD 1's BPA account rep brought Mark Symonds out to give a presentation on Security Constrained Economic Dispatch.

**Award Contract for t3ba'das Substation Transmission Project**

Magnum Power was the lowest responsible bidder for this project.

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Karl made a motion to award the transmission line construction contract for the t3 substation to Magnum Power for the amount of \$508,253.06, including sales tax; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Award Contract for t3ba'das Breaker Installation Project**

Power Technologies was the lowest responsible bidder.

Karl made a motion to award the circuit breaker installation contract for the t3 substation to Power Technologies for the amount of \$75,710.00, including sales tax; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**WPUDA Walkley Educational Scholarship Nomination**

Ryan Taylor was the only employee-nominated student this year.

Karl made a motion that we nominate Ryan Taylor for consideration for the WPUDA Walkley Educational Scholarship; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Carbon Tax Letter from Sid Morrison, ENW**

At Jack's request the letter was included. He would like the utility to respond back to Sid regarding our position on a potential carbon tax policy. Jack's position is not to get out in front of this issue and leave it to the voters or legislature. The ENW executive board should retain a neutral position. Karl and Ron agreed.

**RPA No. 114- ADA Door Operators for Front Office**

This is a safety issue and as the board has requested, we are bringing this unbudgeted safety issue forward with a proposed solution.

Jack made a motion to authorize RPA No. 114- ADA Door Operators for Front Office, not to exceed \$9,800; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bob Sund called this morning to voice his and his wife's support to the commission to pass next month's resolution regarding proposed amendments to the Energy Independence Act. He asked the commission to continue to work to include hydro in the Act as well and to continue to work to keep rates as low as possible. His service group, the Hoodspout Kiwanis, plan to pass a resolution in favor of PUD 1's resolution next month.

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

Steve and Kristin met with the Lion's Club in Union to present the Energy Independence Act amendments.

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**STAFF REPORTS**

**Darin Hall:**

Darin reported that the safety training was held on appropriate job debriefing and PPC. Steve Brown passed his journeyman test last week and is now a journeyman lineman. He passed with 99%. The board asked Darin to congratulate him.

**Jocelyne Gray:**

Jocelyne presented information on the Highland Park source meter reads from July 1st through September 1st to monitor peak usage spikes and determine if there are any additional connections available. Due to the demand rates vs. the theoretical calculations, there is no possibility of additional connections without additional system upgrades. Jocelyne and Brandy are going to the WPUDA water workshop this week. Attended the WA Society of Professional Engineers meeting last week and is working with their scholarship group.

**Greg Kester:**

No report. Budget workshops were set for November along with different meeting date.

**Kristin Masteller:**

Kristin reminded that the Customer Appreciation BBQ will be held on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Rob Johnson:**

No report.

**BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Karl:** Had good WPUDA meeting last week in Chehalis. We need to look at the 2017 requirement and need for a resolution to use alternative fuels for vehicle fleets. Scott Wilson gave a report for BPA. November WPUDA board meeting will vote on the action plan for the EIA agenda for WPUDA. BPA is delaying their high water mark reduction.

**Ron:** Ron has been working at Lilliwaup Falls. Looking at a 2-3 week extension from FERC due to a delay on their storm water permit.

**Jack:** Is headed to Energy Northwest today.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:38 p.m.**

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Ron Gold, President

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Karl Denison, Vice President

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Jack Janda, Secretary