

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
September 27, 2016

Twanoh Heights & Twanoh Terrace Consolidation Plan Public Hearing:

Karl opened the public hearing at 1:00 p.m. Jocelyne gave an overview of why this feasibility study occurred and that we got a grant to perform the study. One of the goals of the state is to reduce the number of water systems and consolidate where feasible. Jocelyne gave a presentation that discussed connections and needs for each system and the pros and cons of consolidation, with estimated costs associated with consolidation and capital improvement costs. Jocelyne will provide additional engineering estimates for system improvements for each system. The public comment period will be open until Friday, October 21st and this will be put back on the agenda on the October 25th board meeting. Public in attendance: Terri & Dennis Cox, Twanoh Heights customers, Nancy Murphy, Twanoh Terrace customer, Susan Lukenbill, Hood Canal water customer. The hearing closed at 2:15 p.m.

Business Meeting:

Present

Karl Denison- President
Jack Janda- Vice President
Ron Gold- Secretary
Steven Taylor-General Manager
Darin Hall-Director of Operations- Electric
Rob Johnson- Legal Counsel
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Ops - Water
Kristin Masteller- Dir of Business Services

Visitors

Susan Lukenbill, Hood Canal Water Customer

The business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: September 13, 2016 Workshop & Special Meetings

Vouchers:	Accounts Payable:	112382-112383	\$ 476.96
		112416-112472	\$ 367,909.27
	Payroll:	112408-112415	\$ 89,032.34
	Voids:	112384-112407	(\$ 0.00)
		112298	(\$ 99.37)
		112209	(\$ 19.86)
		111753	(\$ 398.21)
	Total:		\$ 456,901.20

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

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Public Comment

Mrs. Lukenbill was welcomed to the meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Lukenbill- Water Customer High Bill Concern

Mrs. Lukenbill was confused about the billing statements. There was no usage billed on one month and a really high bill the next. This was due to her new meter being installed and wasn't put in the meter reading device. Jocelyne will work with her offline to make sure that the second statement is correct and she is credited for the 400 cu. ft. that she should have gotten the first year. She is still upset about the cost of water on her system and that her bills and usage are so high.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

Steve gave an update on the CPA firm search. We asked for proposals from five organizations and two were responsive. Staff is recommending Wittenberg, CPA, PE as our District Auditor. Jack made a motion to sign the agreement with Wittenberg, CPA; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Steve also informed the board that there will be budget workshops coming up. The first will be at 10:00 a.m. on October 24th. If more are needed, we can schedule them at that meeting. Steve informed the board that staff would like to offer a permanent position to our temporary helper beginning October 1st as part of our succession planning for a 2017 retirement. The board was supportive of that decision. Steve gave an update of the WPAG meeting he attended last week. Staff's recommendation is to not opt out of the load shaping for BPA. The board agreed.

STAFF REPORTS

Darin Hall: Darin reported that the Union Ridge underground is completed. There will need to be an outage to cut that over. Will get working on customer service work. All the regulators have been replaced on our system that need replacement to date. The only thing left for the Union Substation is the LTC.

Jocelyne Gray: Jocelyne reported that the crew is working with PUD 3 on underground replacement out at Bay East to reroute distribution line on that road. Jocelyne talked to DOH about getting the connections back at Highland Park and they stated that we are not getting our connections back that they rescinded until there's updated storage. Jocelyne gave an update on automated chlorination options for our systems.

Kristin Masteller: Kristin gave an update on the NWPPA communications conference. PUD 1 won five communications awards; three second place and two third place. Office staff is working with NISC to learn the nuances of the programs that impact their jobs. We will meet tomorrow for the first time as a department and go over changes, address any concerns and complete our

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section of the strategic plan. They are really doing an outstanding job of picking up the slack and taking on additional responsibility. Julie will attend the WPUDA customer service managers meeting for Kristin and we will start participating with that group as well as NWPPA's credit & collections group. PUD customer appreciation event is on Friday from 11-2. Doing a lot of work with the EDC the last couple weeks. PUDs 1 & 3 will host the EDC luncheon at PUD 3 on October 19th at 11:45 a.m. Kristin and Joel are presenting on a variety of topics, most notably the Carbon Tax Initiative (I-732) and recent information from the Northwest River Partners meeting last week on fish and wildlife costs and dam removal initiatives.

Rob Johnson: No report.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Karl said the WPUDA Water Workshop was really good. The WPUDA meeting in Klickitat was good also and they did a tour of the landfill co-gen project.

Ron: No report.

Jack: No report.

Meeting adjourned: 4:15 p.m.

Karl Denison, President

Jack Janda, Vice President

Ron Gold, Secretary