

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 8, 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

None.

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:

Minutes: August 18, 2015 Special Meeting
August 21, 2015 Strategic Planning Special Meeting
August 28, 2015 Emergency Special Meeting

Vouchers: Accounts Payable:	110391-110425	\$ 67,659.59	
	110437-110497	\$ 237,333.49	
	Payroll:	110426-110436	\$ 117,533.66
Total:			\$ 422,526.74

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Approval of the Revisions to the Governance Policy

There were three changes made to the governance policy regarding the reporting structure for the auditor position, the date of the manager eval and the inclusion of a revision date.

Ron made a motion to approve the revisions to the Governance Policy as presented; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two customer letters were shared thanking the electric, water and customer service departments.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

Steve informed the board that the pole attachment calculations are not ready. Steve, Greg and Rob would like to wait until Pacific PUD and EES come up with a formula that complies with the RCW. WPUA doesn't have an actual calculation; just the RCW. Mason 3 went ahead without the correct rate formula and it's also being challenged. If it's not resolved in a couple months, Rob will revisit the advisability of taking action then. Steve will find out the length of time that we have to give the companies notification that the rate will be changed.

STAFF REPORTS

Darin Hall:

Darin discussed the most updated RUS outage report. Crew is installing pipe for future underground in Jenn's Way. Brushing crew is working in Brinnon. The contract tree trimming crew is on Dalby Road. Working on getting bids to replace the poles on the Sunnyside fire damage. Darin reported an accident that happened last week. There were minor injuries and the employee was released to full duty by the ER. They had a safety meeting after the accident and the crew discussed how to prevent a similar incident in the future.

Jocelyne Gray:

Jocelyne reported that the Union water system has a damaged vent on the reservoir due to wind and rainwater got into the reservoir. They are now in the middle of a two week chlorination due to a positive total coliform test.

Greg Kester:

No report.

Kristin Masteller:

Kristin will be at the NWPPA communications conference next week.

Rob Johnson:

No report.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Karl discussed California's utility bill tiers.

Ron: Ron gave an update on PPC subjects that were discussed including containing BPA costs, fish and wildlife issues and the possibility of adopting Energy Northwest's Excellence Model.

Jack: Jack reported that he and Steve visited 16 water systems last week. He said it was very educational and he was proud of how the facilities looked and are taken care of.

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An Executive Session was called at 2:08 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Karl stated it would last five minutes. At 2:13 p.m. the regular session was reconvened and the meeting was adjourned.

Karl Denison, President

Jack Janda, Vice President

Ron Gold, Secretary