

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
March 21, 2011

The regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 21, 2011 at the District Office Board Room in Potlatch.

**Present**

Ron Gold – President  
Jack Janda – Vice-President  
Karl Denison – Secretary  
Steve Taylor – General Manager  
Rob Johnson – District Counsel  
Greg Kester - Auditor/Director of Finance/Customer Service  
Tracy Colard – Director of Operations-Electric  
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Operations-Water  
Debbie Knipschild-Executive Assistant/Human Resources/ Communications

**Visitors**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Vice President Jack Janda, seconded by Secretary Karl Denison, and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carries

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

March 8, 2011 minutes of the regular Commissioners meeting, March 8, 2011 minutes of the Public Hearing held at the Union Fire Hall.

Payroll vouchers 102394-102403 in the amount of \$64,437.36; Accounts Payable vouchers 102405-102457 in the amount of \$327,763.46

Voided warrants 102376 in the amount of \$200.00; 102392 in the amount of \$300.00; 102433 in the amount of \$301.89; 102446 in the amount of \$300.00.

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**BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A claim for damages due to an outage caused by an act of nature was presented in the amount of \$2,055.48.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Vice President Jack Janda, seconded by Secretary Karl Denison and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to deny the claim. Motion Carries

- RUS Form 219 for completed workorders in the amount of \$466,713.09 was presented for board approval

**Motion:**

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded by Vice-President Jack Janda and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to approve the RUS Form 219 in the amount of \$466,713.09. Motion Carries

- RPA No. 61 for the operations building flooring in the amount of \$9,324.05 was presented for approval

**Motion:**

It was moved by Vice-President Jack Janda, seconded by Secretary Karl Denison and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to approve RPA No. 61 in the amount of \$9,324.05. Motion Carries

- A letter from the Mason County Auditor regarding redistricting was presented
- Commissioner Gold discussed the WRIA 16 water monitoring issue relating to funding for associated testing costs. The WRIA will submit funding request to the Department of Ecology and other WRIA 16 members
- The PUD agreed to assist with testing procedures but not with funding the associated costs for tests
- The BPA Settlement issues were discussed. The board will vote on the settlement agreement at the next meeting
- The BPA Contract High Water Mark Provisional Load Adjustment Path 2 was discussed.
- Mason PUD 1 is approved for a Provisional Load under Adjustment Path 2 in the amount of 0.003 aMW based on the amount the average of Mason 1's Adjusted FY 2007 and FY 2008 load exceeds its FY 2010 load.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Vice-President Jack Janda, seconded by Secretary Karl Denison and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to authorize the General Manger, Steven Taylor to sign the Revision Exhibit B High Water Mark and Contract Demand Quantities to be effective September 15, 2011. Motion Carries

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- A verbal public records request was received by Commissioner Karl Denison relating to the TESCO surge suppressor for names of those individuals who have had the device installed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- The parking area at the community hall is being moved due to the 100 ft protective radius around the well site next to the old community hall building
- Trees that have been removed have no value and are made available to the public for fire wood
- It was noted that the lack of gates on Manzanita have made the area open to public access. Ecology blocks will be added to help alleviate the problem
- The Agate Beach bladder tanks have been installed
- The Water System Plan part A is progressing
- Apex is looking over the District Legal Counsel's changes in their agreement
- Interviews are scheduled for Thursday and Friday for the Executive Assistant/HR/Communications position

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- General Manger, Steve Taylor attended the PPC meeting where discussions included the pros and cons regarding the BPA 17 year contracts and Settlement Agreement
- The WPAG group discussions included the BPA Settlement Agreement
- The Manager's section discussed the role of the Government Relations Committee, rapid response team efforts, Strategic Planning meeting topics, and the voting process
- The lien authority bill is dead
- Steve will be on vacation the first week in April

**DISTRICT COUNSEL**

- Rob Johnson attended a Public Records update meeting
- Meta Data no longer has value
- The redistricting issue was discussed

**BOARD REPORTS/ COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Janda attended the WPUDA meeting where discussions included PDC laws, Board, Manager relations, BPA operations, and the Prism Study
- The new CEO, George Caan will come on board March 28<sup>th</sup>

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- The Columbia Generating Plant had 493 days of operation, the longest in history. There is a scheduled outage April 6<sup>th</sup> lasting 80 days with the longest modification in history
- The Japan disaster and how it will affect nuclear in the US and the relicensing of the Columbia Plant was also discussed
- Commissioner Denison attended the WPUDA meeting where voting reform and bi-law reform were discussed
- Educational Workshops relating to I-937 will be scheduled

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

March 22: ENW PRB in conjunction with Budget review meeting

March 22-24: E NW Budget review and EB meetings

March 31: WRIA 16

April 6: PPC Member Forum, Portland

April 7: PPC Executive Committee Meeting, Portland

April 12: PUD Board Meeting and WUE Public Hearing

April 14: WPUDA Committee Meetings, Olympia

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April 15: WPUDA Board of Directors Meeting, Olympia

April 18: Policy Committee Meeting

April 26: PUD Board Meeting

April 27-28: WPUDA Finance Officers Meeting, Wenatchee

April 27: ENW Board of Directors' Meeting, Richland

April 28: ENW Executive Board Meeting, Richland

April 28: WRIA 16

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Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm

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Ron Gold - President

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Jack Janda - Vice President

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Karl Denison –Secretary