

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 12, 2011

The Public Hearing for Water Use Efficiency Goals for 2011 was called to order at 1:05 pm and the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County followed at 1:20 p.m. on April 12, 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
Kristin Masteller-Executive Assistant/Human Resources/Communications

Visitors

Public Hearing

- - The DOH requires Water Use Efficiency Goals to be set for all owned Group A Community water systems
 - Most of the systems listed in the report are not fully metered
 - Consumption goals are based on production from the wells
 - The goals presented were savings of 1% per year for 5 years
 - The board felt that the goals as presented were too stringent with the limited growth expected in the next 5 years
 - Jocelyne Gray, Director of Water Operations agreed that 1% savings in a 5 year period would be sufficient

Motion:

It was moved by Vice President Jack Janda, seconded by Secretary Karl Denison and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to adopt the 2011 Water Efficiency Goals reflecting 1% in 5 years. Motion Carries

The Public Hearing adjourned and the regular meeting convened at 1:20 pm

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CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded by Vice-President Jack Janda and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to the minutes. Motion Carries. By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

The Minutes of March 21, 2011 and the March 21, 2011 Public Hearing.

Payroll voucher no's 102469-102478 in the amount of \$82,467.79; accounts payable voucher no's 102459-102468 in the amount of 45,303.20 and 102479-102561 in the amount of 134,887.72 and voided warrant no. 102458 in the amount of 1,272.16

BUSINESS AGENDA

- The BPA Settlement Agreement was discussed
- Staff recommended that the board vote to not sign the agreement based on legal issues
- The board discussed whether to just not sign the agreement or vote no to signing the agreement
- Commissioner Janda was contacted by Mark Gendron, BPA Vice President Requirements Marketing, noting that it would be a close vote and small utilities could make a difference.

Motion:

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded by Vice-President Jack Janda and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to vote no to signing the agreement. Motion Carries

- Debbie Knipschild, Executive Assistant/Hr/Comm. presented an Interlocal agreement and an MOU between the Public Employees Benefit Board and Mason County PUD 1
- The Interlocal Agreement addresses compliance with the PEBB laws and rules related to eligibility, and the MOU addresses the requirements of the national Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Motion:

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded by Vice-President Jack Janda and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to authorize the manager to sign the MOU and Interlocal Agreement with PEBB. Motion Carries

- Greg Kester, Director of Finance/Customer Service presented the Electric and Water Financials for February 2011.
- The electrical revenue was \$1,411,982 and cost of electrical service was \$1,052,665. The year end TIER is at 10.40. With the new software, water is now allocated separately on a monthly basis rather than with an adjustment out of the electric financials at the end of the year. The financial and statistical data needs work and will be presented to the board again as discrepancies are fixed. Water service revenue was \$182,947. The cost of water service was \$163,889.57.

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- The District has negotiated a tentative agreement with IBEW Local #77 for the “BA” Group Classifications.
- The proposed agreements include wages, working rules, and an MOU relating to payroll duties

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 Manager to sign the letters of agreement with IBEW Local #77 ratifying the proposed changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion Carries

COORESPONDENCE

- Customer Service received a letter from a customer expressing her appreciation for assistance and understanding during a high bill complaint.

STAFF REPORTS

- DOH is presenting the Grace Under Pressure award to staff for their efforts during the e.coli hits on two water systems and will attend the May 10th board meeting
- The WRIA 16 Planning Unit discussed costs associated with ground water monitoring
- A meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 1:30pm at the Hoodspout Library to discuss costs associated with sewer and septic systems and the benefits of septic vs. sewer systems
- The WPUDA discussed the Public Works Board proposed reorganizing and reallocation of funds to separate areas
- They are proposing to combine the Public Works Trust Fund and the State Revolving Fund
- The DOH will be charging permit fees at \$1.50/connection
- Lien Authority bill died in committee
- The Union Improvement Club asked if the District could stub out where hydrants would be installed. After discussion it was decided that the District would not stub out hydrants
- The new employee filling the Executive Assistant/HR/Communications position due to a retirement will begin employment on April 25th

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

- The Northwest Public Power Association Nominating Committee has proposed that Steve Taylor, General Manger’s name be placed on the ballot for election to the NWPPA Board of Trustees
- The general membership will vote on the nomination at the 2011 Annual Meeting, May 22-26, 2011.

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LEGAL COUNCIL

- Rob Johnson noted the importance of training related to the Public Records Act
- The Attorney General confirmed with a customer that he did not have grounds to sue the PUD regarding the TESCO surge suppressor issue

CALENDAR REVIEW

- April 14: WPUDA Committee Meetings, Olympia
- April 14: WRIA 16
- 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 21: WRIA 16
- May 4: PPC Member's Forum
- May 5: PPC Executive Committee
- May 10: PUD Board Meeting
- May 5: WRIA 16 Planning Unit
- May 18-19: ENW Executive Board Meeting
- May 18-19: WPUDA Committee Meetings, Olympia
- May 20: WPUDA Board of Directors Meeting, Olympia
- May 22-26: NWPPA Annual Meeting, Reno NV
- May 25: ENW PRB Meeting (in conjunction with the NWPPA Annual Meeting)
- May 19: WRIA 16 Planning Unit

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Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Ron Gold - President

Jack Janda - Vice President

Karl Denison –Secretary