

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
May 10, 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 May 10, 2011 at the District Office Board Room in Potlatch.

**Present**

Ron Gold – President  
Jack Janda – Vice-President  
Karl Denison – Secretary  
Steven N. Taylor – General Manager  
Rob Johnson – District Counsel  
Tracy Colard – Director of Operations-Electric  
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Operations-Water  
Kristin Masteller-Exec. Assistant/HR/ Communications

**Visitors**

Denise Clifford, DOH  
Sandy Brentlinger, DOH  
Carolyn Cox, DOH  
Corina Hayes, DOH  
Regina Grimm, DOH  
TJ Goos  
Roy Munch  
Barney Bruff  
Brandy Milroy

**Excused**

Greg Kester - Auditor/Dir. of Finance/Customer Service

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The minutes of April 26, 2011 regular meeting;

Payroll vouchers 012646-102655 in the amount of \$78,330.17; Accounts payable vouchers 102617-102645 in the amount of \$2,285.70 and 102656-102712 in the amount of \$60,796.68; and one voided warrant 102657 in the amount of \$225.00. Karl made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**WA Department of Health (DOH) “Grace Under Pressure” Award:**

Denise Clifford from the DOH gave a presentation to the water crew and presented them with a “Grace Under Pressure” award. A short speech was given thanking PUD 1 for overseeing the water systems, noting that last fall brought an unusual amount of rainfall and PUD 1 did a “phenomenal” job of jumping into immediate action to repair the contaminated wells. DOH specifically commented on the crew’s commitment to hand deliver notices and bottled water to customers. Despite the challenges, the problems were fixed and the systems were brought into compliance. Jocelyne was recognized for her leadership while working through this process and the team was thanked for their efforts. The water team was also presented with a proclamation from Governor Christine Gregoire along with their “Grace Under Pressure” award. Jocelyne thanked her team for doing such a great job.

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**BUSINESS AGENDA CONTINUED:**

**Resolution No. 1024- Bank Account Signing Authority**

Jack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1024; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Electronic Signatures & WPAG “Commissioner to Commissioner” Letter**

Commissioners gave permission to use their electronic signatures for this letter noting that they would like to send it electronically from all three commissioners jointly when it's finished. Discussion followed about the residential exchange settlement issue and it was decided that it will become an agenda item for the next meeting.

- *Kristin will send the electronic signatures to Liz at Grays Harbor PUD to add to the letter.*
- *Kristin will add the residential exchange settlement issue to the next board agenda and send out a special meeting notice since the meeting has been changed to May 31, 2011.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence for review.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Tracy Colard:**

Tracy received a phone call that the plans for the Pleasant Harbor Resort are moving forward so Tracy and Steve will be meeting with them to discuss their utility needs. The line extension policy draft is completed and will go through policy committee this month. A rate policy will be next to determine a non-discriminatory rate for the entire district. Steve will schedule some workshops for the commissioners to discuss rate structures. Jack commented to Tracy that he would like a safety report on any near-misses or anything else that needs to be reported at least once a month. Karl asked how the surge protector status is for Alderbrook and was told that the lighting arresters had been ordered. This was mentioned as a possible news article item for the next newsletter. Ron also asked for some project statuses to be listed in the newsletters.

- *Tracy will provide Safety Committee reports to the commissioners after the monthly safety committee meetings.*
- *Kristin will add the commissioners' suggestions for the newsletter to the list of potential article topics.*

**Jocelyne Gray:**

Jocelyne received a letter from DOH about the SRF application and she stated that PUD 1 is on the funding list if it goes through. This will amount in a 30% subsidy. PUD 1 is also on the top of the Public Works Trust Fund list but we are waiting for the state budget to come through. Commissioner discussion followed on the rules about utilizing budgeted funds to show appreciation to the employees for jobs well done.

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**STAFF REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel:**

Rob stated that now that the census is finished and we are required by law to look at redistricting. PUD 1's territory is exclusive and PUD 3's area does not include any PUD 1 territory.

- *Kristin will contact the county for an estimate on the costs and timeline for the redistricting project.*

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

Steve was invited to speak to the Lilliwaup Community Club group this Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Steve attended the BPA business review meeting and ran through the highlights of that meeting with the commissioners.

Verizon has contacted Steve about utility meter companies' communication networks. Steve will meet with them about serving as a meter data transfer company to collect live data to see if it will be advantageous for PUD 1.

Steve received a call from Steve McAnna who was trying to purchase slash for biomass waste for Pacific Rim Energy. Steve also reported that the solar project on Aycock Beach has had one full year of use producing 4,500 kW, which saved the customer about \$1,500 in energy for the year. Tracy and Steve will attend the efficiency training tomorrow and how that will apply to our new projects and substations.

- *Steve will provide a one-page summary to the commissioners about the solar project.*

**BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Jack gave an update on the Energy Northwest power outage issue.

Ron attended the watershed meeting last week and listened to a Fish & Wildlife presentation. There's money available for permanent pump-out stations. At the next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a panel discussion on septic vs. sewers.

- *Kristin and Ron will make appointments to have their photos taken at Cooper Studios.*

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**CALENDAR REVIEW**

Karl, Kristin, and possibly Jack will attend the WPUDA session in SeaTac on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

No executive session followed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

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Ron Gold - President

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Jack Janda - Vice President

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Karl Denison –Secretary