

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
January 25, 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 January 25, 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 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:

Minutes of the January 11, 2011 board meeting

Payroll voucher numbers 102099-102104 in the amount of \$72,648.48; AP voucher numbers 102089-102094 in the amount of \$49,008.00; and AP voucher numbers 102105-102161 in the amount of \$506,369.04.

Voided warrant numbers 102128 in the amount of \$106.67; 102095-102098 in the amount of \$8,054.83; and 102034 in the amount of \$331.00.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

- RPA No. 58 for Lake Arrowhead Automated Chlorination in the amount of \$39,300 was presented for approval
- The scope of work includes the installation of an automated chlorination system at the booster station to continuously monitor and adjust chlorine levels to comply with

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WSHOH and EPA requirements and the decommission of Wells 1&2 per WSDOE and WSDOH requirements

**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. 58.  
Motion Carries

- Customer claims for damages following the November 15<sup>th</sup> incident where a tree fell into the District distribution line and transmission line were presented for review by General Manager, Steven Taylor.
- Prior claims for damages have been denied due to the fact that the incident was caused by an act of nature.
- Following the outage, General Manager, Steven Taylor and Commissioner Denison attended a meeting with customers in the Union area for questions and comments regarding the power outage and customer claims.
- Staff is evaluating the issue and will schedule another meeting with the Union area customers for further discussions

**Motion:**

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

- A summary of Ecology's Water Smart Bill, version 6-December 23, 2010 was presented for discussion
- The second board meeting in March was rescheduled for Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and the second board meeting in May was rescheduled for Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Union Water System Public Hearing to review and receive public comments for the updated Union Water System plan is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Union Fire Hall.
- The meeting will also be open for all customers to discuss electric and water issues

**COORESPONDENCE**

- General Manager, Steve Taylor received a letter from a customer expressing his concerns relating to the November 15<sup>th</sup> outage due to a tree that fell into the District distribution and transmission lines

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Safety meeting minutes will be presented at the next meeting
- The Department of Ecology and Health are requesting a Capacity Analysis for the Canal Beach Tracts Water System

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- The SRF application for the Hood Canal A&B Water Systems is due March 1<sup>st</sup>
- The e-bill process will be on line on January 31<sup>st</sup>
- The conversion and training process for the new computer software is progressing
- An outage Management System will be included in the next phase

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The two engineer tech's for water and electric are signatory's to IBEW Local #77
- The WPAG meeting discussions included the BPA Residential Exchange, CRAC, and the snowpack statistics

**BOARD REPORTS/ COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Denison commented on Roth IRA's tax advantages
- Commissioner Denison inquired about requests for excess utility poles
- Washington PUD Association committee will be interviewing three candidates within the next two days
- Commissioner Gold noted a pole leaning at Hwy 106 and the Skokomish Bridge
- Commissioner Gold attended the WRIA 16 meeting where discussions included a presentation on sewers and MBR systems, and the newsletter that will be out in approximately two months
- The Dosewallips State Park is moving forward with sewer

An executive session was called at 2:25 pm for 15 minutes to discuss legal issues  
The executive session recessed and reconvened at 3:05 pm for an additional twenty minutes  
and recessed at 3:25 pm

The regular board meeting reconvened at 3:25 pm

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

- January 25: PUD Board Meeting: 1:00 pm
- January 26: ENW Board of Directors' Meeting
- January 27: ENW Executive Board Meeting
- February 3: PPC Member Forum
- February 3: WRIA 16
- February 4: PPC Executive Committee
- February 7: PUD Policy Committee Meeting: 1:30pm

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- February 8: PUD Board Meeting: 1:00pm
- February 16: WPUDA Committee Meetings
- February 17: WPUDA Committee Meetings
- February 17: WRIA 16
- February 18: WPUDA Board of Directors Meeting
- February 23-24: ENW Executive Board Meeting
- February 22: PUD Board Meeting: 1:00 pm
- March 2: PPC Member Forum
- March 3: PPC Executive Committee
- March 3: WRIA 16

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 pm

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Ron Gold - President

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Jack Janda - Vice President

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Karl Denison –Secretary