

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 8, 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 February 8, 2011 at the District Office Board Room in Potlatch.

Present

Ron Gold – President
Karl Denison – Secretary
Steve Taylor – General Manager
Rob Johnson – District Counsel
Tracy Colard – Director of Operations-Electric
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Operations-Water
Debbie Knipschild-Executive Assistant/Human Resources/ Communications

Visitors

Dave Galle

Commissioner Janda is on vacation

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to adopt the consent agenda. By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

The minutes of January 25, 2011

Payroll Voucher numbers 102166-102175 in the amount of \$81,461.17; AP Voucher numbers 102162-102165 in the amount of \$8,489.72; 102176-102246 in the amount of \$70,511.90.

Voided warrant numbers 102173 in the amount of \$89,901.88; 101992 in the amount of \$111.91. Motion Carries

BUSINESS AGENDA

- Officials from the State Department of Health, Drinking Water Division have nominated Mason County PUD No. 1 employees for the “ Grace Under Fire” award for their actions following boil water requirements for the Canal Mutual and Minerva Terrace Water Systems in October, 2010.
- The PUD Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Department of Health expressing its appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the water department and other employees involved in the boil water issue

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- An electric claim for damages relating to an incident on November 15, 2010 was reviewed
- The board denied the claim due to the fact that the incident was caused by an act of nature

Motion:

It was moved by Secretary Karl Denison, seconded and made unanimous by President Ron Gold to deny the claim for damages in the amount of \$1,388.00.

Motion Carries

- General Manager, Steven Taylor discussed research he has made on the TESCO Surge Suppressors
- Bob Mallory, TESCO is scheduled to attend the February 22nd board meeting
- Rob has reviewed the TESCO warrant and is satisfied with its compliance with the law
- Commissioners and senior staff portraits for the website directory and Board Room have been arranged through Cooper Studios in Shelton

STAFF REPORTS

- Poles will be removed from the job site on Manzanita after the ground dries out
- Several Water System Plans are in progress
- A letter has been sent to Lake Arrowhead customers to schedule a meeting to discuss a Fire Hydrant maintenance agreement
- Jocelyne Gray, Director of Operations-Water is discussing the Department of Transportation's use of a fire hydrant within the Alderbrook Water System
- NISC conversion is progressing
- The District has advertised for the Executive Assistant/HR/Communications position due to a retirement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- General Manager, Steven Taylor attended the PPC meeting where discussions included the Residential Exchange Agreement
- The District has met with the Union to discuss wages and working conditions to be added to the collective bargaining agreement for the "BA" group. Two non-union employees have become signatory with IBEW Local #77
- The next meeting is scheduled for the morning of February 17th
- Prevailing Wage laws will affect budgeted facility construction projects

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LEGAL COUNCIL

- Rob Johnson, District Council will draft a Commissioner Call In policy

BOARD REPORTS/ COMMENTS

- Commissioner Karl Denison attended the PPC meeting where discussions included the Residential Exchange Agreements and fish and wildlife impact of seals on salmon and sturgeon
- The WPUDA committee has selected George Caan as the new CEO
- Commissioner Gold attended the WRIA 16 meeting
- The Puget Sound Partnership gave a presentation on the Stormwater Program
- Discussions also included grants for expanding the well monitoring program, educational literature and GIS/Mapping

PUBLIC COMMENT (S)

- Dave Galle commented on PUD authority to provide telecommunications
- There is a bill in legislature that would give PUDs limited authority

CALENDAR REVIEW

- February 16: WPUDA Commissioner Orientation & Training, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Executive Committee, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- February 17: WPUDA Energy Committee , 8:00 am-10:00 am
Water Committee, Noon-2:00 pm
Governmental Relations Committee, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm
Communications Committee, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Managers Committee, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- February 17: WRIA 16
- February 18: WPUDA Executive Committee (Tentative), 7:00 am-8:00 am
Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 am-Noon
- 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

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Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 pm

Ron Gold - President

Jack Janda - Vice President

Karl Denison –Secretary