

Mason County PUD 1  
Board of Commissioners Rate Hearing & Regular Meeting  
December 8, 2015

**Present**

Karl Denison- President  
Jack Janda- Vice President  
Ron Gold- Secretary  
Steve Taylor- General Manager  
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Ops - Water  
Kristin Masteller- Dir. of Employee & Public Relations  
Darin Hall- Electric Superintendent  
Greg Kester- Dir. of Finance & Customer Service  
Rob Johnson- Legal Counsel

**Visitors**

None.

**ELECTRIC RATE HEARING**

The public hearing for the proposed 2016 electric rate schedules was called to order at 1:00 p.m. No public was in attendance. Greg Kester gave a summary of the situation facing the District. Low revenues and high Bonneville Power Administration rate increases have forced the PUD to propose an increase of \$3.00 per month added to the Base Service Charge to bring revenue back in line to maintain operations and debt service coverage. Jack Janda commented and Greg confirmed that the District may be in the same situation with low revenues again next year if weather is too warm over the winter/spring months.

With no public comment, Karl Denison closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County at 1:05 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

Vouchers:	Accounts Payable:	110856	\$ 87.54
		110865-110914	\$ 411,734.11
		110924-110980	\$ 102,752.51
	Payroll:	110857-110864	\$ 89,525.24
		110915-110922	\$ 135,382.13
	Void:	110923	(\$ 303.69)
		110643	(\$ 3,982.75)
		110803	(\$ 133.89)
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 739,481.55</b>

Ron made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**Public Comment**

No comments.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**Approval of Write-off Amounts**

Julie Gray presented the list of bad accounts for write-off to the commission. Jack made a motion to authorize the account write-offs in the amount of \$14,884.46; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1066- General Manager Salary Adjustment for 2016**

Jack made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1066 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1067- Non-Union Salary Adjustment for 2016**

Jack made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1067 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1068- 2016 Electric Rate Schedule**

Jack made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1068 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

Steve reported that the BIA appraisal was completed finally, after 4 years. It's now back in the tribe's court to get signatures from all of the property owners. It amounted to approximately \$66,000 in 2013 costs; not sure what today's final cost will be yet. NWPPA is calling for nominations for awards. It was a good annual meeting at WPUDA. Steve gave an update on the WPUDA water committee meeting and Rob elaborated on the Dept. of Ecology vs. Yelm water rights decision.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Darin Hall:**

Busy with outages over the course of several storms. Fared well compared to neighboring utilities. Had safety training for shoring/trenching and hot stick training. Will have 1st Aid/CPR training this month.

**Jocelyne Gray:**

Power outages have been forcing us to monitor our water systems after restoration. Sampling has shown that they're all good. We now own the Ripplewood Water System and are working to establish how many connections are there.

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**Greg Kester:**

No additional report.

**Kristin Masteller:**

We had a successful Go Paperless campaign with 391 new paperless sign ups since last year accounting for \$4,200 in savings for billing costs. We passed on \$1,955 of those savings back to the ratepayers. The Canal Comfort Fund campaign netted \$1,158.92 in November donations. Last year in November we took in only \$401.33. Both campaigns were great and we will continue to build upon them. Kristin thanked Shiane Saeger for suggesting the idea to do the Canal Comfort campaign. Kristin gave an overview of the responses so far for the community solar project. So far 85% of the 120+ respondents have said they are interested in participating in the project, with the group stating interest in purchasing over 1,000 shares so far. Kristin set up a community meeting at the Hoodspout Fire Hall on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00 pm.

**Rob Johnson:**

Rob gave updates on topics discussed at the WPUDA annual meeting including the carbon tax and clean energy plan at the state.

**BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Karl:** No report.

**Ron:** No report.

**Jack:** Reported on the WPUDA annual meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** 2:47 p.m.

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Karl Denison, President

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Jack Janda, Vice President

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Ron Gold, Secretary