# Mason County PUD 1 Board of Commissioners Special & Regular Meetings July 26, 2016

# **Special Meeting:**

A special meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the Webb Hill Bio Plant facility. Commissioners Denison and Gold and General Manager Steve Taylor were in attendance. The tour concluded at 11:30 a.m. No public was in attendance.

<u>Present</u> <u>Visitors</u>

Karl Denison- President Susan & Gary Lukenbill

Jack Janda- Vice President Ron Gold- Secretary

Steven Taylor-General Manager Excused

Darin Hall-Director of Operations- Electric

Rob Johnson- Legal Counsel

Kristin Masteller-Dir of Employee & Public Relations

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

Vouchers: Accounts Payable: 111965 \$ 2,082.24

111973-112017 \$ 255,340.42

Payroll: 111966-111972 \$ 92,581.43

Voids: 111915 (\$ 292.90)

111943 (\$ 649.80)

Jocelyne Gray- Director of Ops - Water

Total: \$ 349,061.39

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

# **Public Comment**

Mr. & Mrs. Lukenbill asked the commissioners to consider a senior discount or flat rate for senior water customers. They said that they are using more than their 400 cubic feet included in their basic charge, with the last read at over 10,000 cubic feet. They don't think they are using as much as they are being billed for but they said that they had several gardens and fruit trees that they are watering. They stated that gardening is their passion and that Mr. Lukenbill has had to seek part time employment for them to be able to afford to maintain their standard of living including traveling south each winter and keeping up their gardening and activities at home in the summer. Mrs. Lukenbill stated that her social security has not gone up in three years but her water rates have. Jack Janda and Steve Taylor stated that their PUD 1 water bills are also high in summer due to watering of plants and that it is a fact of life for gardeners and they expect it. Jack stated we are an at-cost utility and that customers have to pay for what they use. Steve suggested a drip watering system or timers

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to help with usage. Steve stated that we have investigated and found no leak on the PUD's side of the meter and he agreed to ask the water department to change out the meter at the Lukenbill's property to ensure that it is reading correctly. Mr. Lukenbill thanked him.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

# Resolution No. 1075- Authorized Signers for District Financial Accounts

Jack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1075 as presented; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

Steve and the commissioners had a discussion about organizational charts and options for staffing the accounting department. Steve proposed a sole business office director position. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting pending additional investigation.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Darin Hall:** Our in-house brushing crew is up at Colony Surf this week. The crew is replacing underground at Union Ridge alongside Hood Canal Communications. It is a slow process but should wrap up next month. The whole development, short of Union Ridge Loop Road will be replaced.

**Jocelyne Gray:** Steve reported that a Lake Arrowhead customer plans to submit a claim based on what he says is a five year water leak that has reportedly damaged his property. In Union, a customer is complaining of an overcharge on a meter installation among other things.

**Kristin Masteller:** Kristin reported that the contract janitorial service had begun. Kristin relayed the board's comments to the EDC board regarding the comments at the Planning Advisory Committee hearing against economic development. Julie and Kristin will be sending out community solar letters and checks to customers very soon. The board asked to see a copy of the letter that was going out once it was completed.

Rob Johnson: No report.

# **BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Karl:** Karl gave a WPUDA report. He attended the telecom meeting and discussed the Clean Air Rule and solar incentives. Karl asked Kristin to review the Data Privacy Policy to see if one needs to be brought to policy committee. Karl also asked Kristin to add a solar incentive cap discussion and a follow up to the Low Density Discount discussion to future agendas.

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Ron: No report.		
rate impact on PUD 1 cust Power Council hearings to	omers specifically. Jack asked Krist provide testimony and assist with UDA water workshop details for the	talking points for that. Jack asked
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