

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CLALLAM COUNTY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 4, 2006

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County was held at the Port Angeles Office, 2431 East Highway 101, on the above date commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners present were: Hugh E. Simpson, Jr., President; W.E. Purser, Vice President; and Hugh Haffner, Secretary.

Staff present were: Doug Nass, General Manager; Joshua Bunch, Treasurer Controller; Ken Foster, District Auditor; Larry Morris, Operations Facilities Superintendent; Fred Mitchell, Power Resources and Telecommunications Manager; Steve Schopfer, Information Services Manager; Jim Hoare, Engineering Representative; Brad Teel, Engineering Representative; and Carol Biss, Executive Assistant.

Others present were: Dennis Bragg, Ron Browning, Leon Dechant, Francisco De La Cruz, Dick Goodman, Marty Hall, Rick Johnston, Cindy Kelly, Ross Krumpe, Teri Martin, Patti Morris, Rodger Petroff, and Lila Petroff.

On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Haffner and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 20, 2006 regular weekly meeting as submitted.

Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Haffner, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission accepted the bid from Potelco, Inc. for furnishing line crew and equipment for the LaPush reroute project in the amount of \$1,680,000, plus Washington State sales tax. (Bid No. 060814)

Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Haffner and carried, the Commission accepted the bid from City Pacific Services for furnishing line crew and equipment for the Joyce-Piedmont Road project in the amount of \$676,830.29, plus Washington State sales tax. (Bid No. 060815)

Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Haffner, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission accepted the bid from Potelco, Inc. to furnish line crew and equipment for underground conversion project on East Sequim Bay Road in the amount of \$985,000, plus Washington State sales tax. (Bid No. 060817)

Operations Facilities Superintendent Morris reviewed events during a recent winter storm, beginning November 26, 2006. He reported that heavy snowfall caused trees and limbs to fall on power lines interrupting services for many customers throughout the District's service area. The hardest hit area was Joyce. Snow loading caused the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) transmission line to fail, cutting off power to the West End of the county. BPA crews came from Olympia to repair the line. General Manager Nass said that the District could not identify individual line failures in the West End until the BPA line was back in service. District crews worked around the clock for several days to restore power to all customers. Crews from the City of Port Angeles and Benton, Franklin, and Chelan PUDs came to assist District crews. Restoring power to water systems was a high priority and after that, areas where poles or lines were down creating a safety hazard were given high priority. There were many failures on smaller feeder lines to individual communities or homes. Restoration of power was slower than normal due to the number of trees on power lines and access problems with the heavy snowfall. The meeting was opened for public comment, and Commissioners and staff responded to questions and comments from customers and reporters who were present. Part of the discussion focused on communications. Customers suggested that the District send frequent updates to the radio and other local news media. Two customers noted that the EOC command center was not operating during the storm. It was also suggested that neighborhoods form telephone trees to reduce the number of incoming calls during an outage. Staff will evaluate the District's communications systems and procedures during outages. Other items that were discussed included the District's tree trimming program, emergency preparedness, converting overhead lines to underground, priorities for dispatching the crews, surge protection program, and generators as a back-up power source. Customers in the audience expressed appreciation to District employees, especially the line crews, for their efforts during the storm.

The Commissioners discussed the next public meeting with the consultant for the Satellite Sewer System Feasibility Study for the Carlsborg urban growth area. They agreed that the December 14 meeting should be postponed.

Two lists of claim vouchers as certified by the General Manager and District Auditor were considered. On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Haffner and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of \$2,842,766.20 for November 27, 2006. On motion of Commissioner Haffner, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of \$76,681.86 for December 4, 2006. District Auditor Foster

reported that the November 27 claim vouchers included eight rebates for conservation programs totaling \$2,214.49, and the December 4 claim vouchers included 13 rebates totaling \$14,584.65.

Commissioner Purser noted that a commitment had been made to review the District's procedures and processes during the last storm. Mr. Nass said he would work with a group of representatives from several departments and report back to the Commission.

Attendance at a meeting was approved.

The regular meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. to go into executive session for legal matters. The executive session adjourned at 3:50 p.m., and the regular meeting reconvened at that time. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to meet again Monday, December 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Port Angeles office.