

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CLALLAM COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 10, 2005

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: Dennis Bickford, General Manager; Shelley Burgett, Treasurer/Controller; Ken Foster, District Auditor; Dave Proebstel, Distribution Systems Manager; and Carol Biss, Executive Assistant.

Others present were: Bob Hoyle, Cindy Kelly, and Ed Tuttle.

On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the December 20, 2004 regular weekly meeting as submitted.

Distribution Systems Manager Proebstel reported on various outages caused by a winter storm that began last Friday. Most of the problem areas were west of Port Angeles. All of the District's crews were called out, and additional crews from Cowlitz PUD and Peninsula Light arrived Sunday. General Manager Bickford talked about areas where the terrain makes access somewhat difficult under normal conditions and even more challenging with ice and snow. The Power was restored to most customers except for an area in Joyce, which is expected to have power restored this afternoon. Customers were able to access a pre-recorded message with information about which areas had power outages and the estimated time until power would be restored. Commissioner Purser said that the Commissioners appreciate the hard work the crews do, and the District's customers appreciate the crews' efforts too.

On motion of Commissioner Haffner, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission canceled the January 17, 2005 meeting.

A list of claim vouchers as certified by the General Manager and District Auditor was considered. On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Haffner and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of \$162,675.62 for January 10, 2005. District Auditor Foster reported that the claim vouchers included 4 rebates for conservation programs totaling \$2,114.16.

Commissioner Haffner reported on a Clallam County Commissioners work session where a study of sewer services in the urban growth area was discussed with representatives from the City of Port Angeles.

Commissioner Purser reported on the swearing in ceremony last Monday at the courthouse. He and other elected officials were sworn into office by Judge Porter. Commissioner Purser noted that he continues to receive questions about the November 1, 2005 outage in the Blyn area and asked about the staff analysis of the outage. He suggested that customers in the area be notified when the analysis is complete, regardless of the outcome.

Commissioner Simpson reported on a discussion with a well owner about treatment for high levels of manganese, including settling tanks, melding, and ionic treatment. He said he received a number of phone calls from customers related to the outages. He discussed the oil wells that were drilled in the Sequim area years ago. The State Department of Geology has information on where those wells were drilled, but the records do not include information pertaining to water.

Mr. Bickford presented the General Manager's Report. The Employee Meeting will be held on January 17, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. He said that Tom Casey, Commissioner from Grays Harbor PUD, would attend the January 24 meeting to make a presentation, "BPA as a Business Partner." Mr. Bickford reported on a WPUDA workshop on benefits that BPA gives to the direct service industry (DSIs). The current BPA contracts with the DSIs will end in 2005. The discussion at the workshop focused on whether or not the DSIs should continue to receive power at reduced rates beginning in 2006.

Attendance at meetings was confirmed and approved.

The regular meeting recessed at 4:13 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel matters. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to meet again Monday, January 24, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Port Angeles office.