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 1:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Hugh Haffner, President; Hugh E. Simpson, Jr., Vice President; Will Purser, Secretary

Staff Present: Doug Nass, General Manager; David Papandrew, Treasurer Controller; Dennis Shaw, General Superintendent; Nicole Clark, Executive Assistant; Michael Howe, Communications & Government Relations Manager; Tom Martin, Water & Wastewater Systems Superintendent; Mike Hill, Senior Civil Engineer; Mike Kitz, Water & Wastewater Systems Assistant Superintendent; Fred Mitchell, Power Supply & Utility Services Manager; Linda King, CIS/Billing Supervisor; Sam Penhallegon, Meter Technician; Steve Schopfer, IT Manager; John Purvis, Engineering Manager

Others Present: Simon Barnhart; Edna Willadsen; Melvina Woman; Pat Reynolds; Alan Anderson; Steve Reynolds; Harvey Kailin; Eloise Kailin; Judi Hangartner; Robert Crittenden; Kraig Kyllo

On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the June 2, 2014 regular meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the June 9, 2014 work session.

An agenda revision was made to add an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission accepted Agreement #080310 with CH2M HILL, Inc. as complete in the amount of $383,145.23.

Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved Task Order #3 to Professional Services Agreement #120313 with Zenovic & Associates, Inc. to provide civil engineering services for a new 6,000 sq. ft. equipment building and provisions for a future 15,000 sq. ft. operations center in the Forks Industrial Park facility in the estimated not-to-exceed amount of $35,000.00 (not including W.S.S.T.)

Power Supply & Utility Services Manager Fred Mitchell presented a Resolution supporting the District’s member guarantee of NoaNet’s Seventh Repayment Agreement. Grant PUD is withdrawing so their shares will be divided among the remaining participating PUDs. Commissioner Simpson felt that it should be made clear to NoaNet that it is not clear what the benefit is to its residents and has been pushing for NoaNet to build reserves so it can fund its own capital improvements. Upon recommendation of staff and on motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission adopted Resolution 2010-14 authorizing the execution and approval of a Seventh Repayment Agreement relating to a line of credit for Northwest Open Access Network.

The public comment period was moved up to accommodate the members of the public who were present to speak to the use of radio read meters. Dr. Eloise Kailin commented that when the City of Port Angeles installed its wireless network, that revealed a number of people who discovered their health was affected by the electromagnetic field. She also reported that the PUD was good about accommodating one friend and customer that she was aware of by replacing her radio read meter with a digital meter. That helped but she was still having trouble, so PUD staff replaced the radio read meter with an analog model. Ms. Kailin submitted documents as part of her public comment. She has used devices to gauge the amount of
“dirty electricity” in her house. People are getting overloaded with electromagnetic radiation and her biggest concern is kids going to bed with their cell phones up to their ears. She states it has been shown for a number of years in the statistics of forms of cancer from living in proximity to cell towers. She is very concerned about smart meters, radio transmitting meters, and the District’s CFL distribution program. She described the changes and devices she has used in her house to mitigate the problem.

The second commenter stated that he measures the electric fields in people’s homes when asked. He appreciates the PUDs willingness to change out meters upon request. He then elaborated further that the transmission from the SMPS meters are inadvertently broadcasting all frequencies, breaking molecules apart.

A third commenter recommended watching a DVD on the issue as well as reading a book on dirty electricity that is available on Amazon.com. They are very concerned about the health effects and recommends keeping meter reader jobs and analog meters.

Judi Hangartner commented that she has an insulin pump and meter that communicate with RF. She had an experience at the Port Angeles library where she was placed next to the telecommunications room and she started feeling lightheaded. She thought it was her blood glucose levels but when she checked her meter, it couldn’t get a reading due to the interference. She has since had to use a different room at the library.

It was decided to provide copies of the proposed policy to the attendees and hold off approval of the policy to the next meeting. On motion of Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission postponed the residential metering policy until comments are received and the District’s staff can review the issue further.

Correspondence and communication items were reviewed.

Three lists of claim vouchers as certified by the General Manager and Auditing Officer were considered. On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of $200,295.09 for June 9, 2014. On motion of Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of $541,049.33 for June 16, 2014. On motion of Commissioner Purser, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried, the Commission approved payment of claim vouchers in the amount of $308,342.55 for June 23, 2014. There were 52 conservation rebates in the total amount of $16,672.30 for the three week period. The cumulative amount to date is $314,026.69.

Commissioner Purser reported that he attended a PPC meeting, and the APPA Annual Conference.

Commissioner Simpson reported that he attended a Port Angeles Business Association meeting.

Water & Wastewater Systems Superintendent Mike Kitz provided an update on water department activities. There has been an offer by the owner to purchase the Dungeness Heights Water System. Mr. Kitz would propose sending a letter to all the customers on the system with a questionnaire to assess their interest in the PUD taking over the system, along with an estimate of the cost.

Mr. Kitz also shared a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) brochure in which a member of the network would be able to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other systems in an emergency. This is very similar to other mutual aid agreements in which the District participates on the electrical side.

Fred Mitchell provided a brief update on the progress of transferring certain District facilities to Jefferson PUD. At the next board meeting there will be a more comprehensive update.
General Manager Doug Nass reported the District was invited to a recent Clallam EDC meeting. The District is currently evaluating whether to renew membership in the organization. It is dependent upon the EDC’s strategic focus and benefit to the PUD and its customers.

The regular meeting recessed at 3:50 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii). Those in attendance were Commissioner Simpson, Commissioner Haffner, Commissioner Purser, Treasurer Controller David Papandrew, General Manager Doug Nass, General Superintendent Dennis Shaw, Communications and Government Relations Manager Mike Howe, Power Supply & Utility Services Manager Fred Mitchell, Engineering Manager John Purvis, and District Legal Counsel Simon Barnhart. The executive session adjourned at 4:34 p.m., and the regular meeting reconvened at that time.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to meet again on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Port Angeles Main Office.