

CLALLAM COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Carlsborg Main Office | 104 Hooker Road | Sequim, WA 98382
May 13, 2019

Commissioners Present:

Will Purser, President
Jim Waddell, Vice President
Dave Anderson, Secretary

Staff Present:

Doug Nass, General Manager
John Purvis, Assistant General Manager
Simon Barnhart, General Counsel
Sean Worthington, Finance Manager/Treasurer
Lori Carter, Auditing Officer
Bill Decker, Forks Operations Superintendent
Colin Young, Engineer
Travis McClain, Water and Wastewater Systems Coordinator
Brad Teel, Sr. Power Systems Project Coordinator
Nicole Clark, Communications Manager
Teresa Lyn, Executive Assistant
Doug Adams, Transmission and Substation System Manager
Jamie Spence, HR Manager
Erica Gasche, HR Coordinator
Leslie Sommerville, HR & Safety Administrative Assistant
Charlie McCaughan, Procurement & Facilities Supervisor

Others Present

Werner Buehler
Patti Morris

The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Service awards were presented to PUD employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission approved the following:

- Minutes of the April 22nd meeting;
- Payment of claim vouchers as certified by the Auditing Officer and General Manager for weeks 4/29/19 and 5/6/19 for the combined total amount of \$459,258.86;
- Payroll Voucher for the period from 4/18/19 through 4/30/19;
- Write off of Delinquent Accounts from 5/1/19 for the amount of \$5,240.86; and

- Contractor Pre-Qualification for Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. for \$1,000,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Morris commented on her customer service interaction with PUD CSR Shanee Wimberly. Mrs. Morris was very complimentary and said that Shanee went “way above and beyond” in addressing and following up on her service issue most professionally.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission authorized the award of Bid Number 191001 to Pacific Pole Inspection, LLC from Kelso, WA for pole inspection, treating, and reporting for 2019, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,250.00 (not including WSST).
- b. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission authorized the award of Bid Number 191002 to Power Trip Energy Corporation for the Sequim Solar PV Project, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$108,350.00 (not including WSST). In response to Commissioner Pursers’ inquiry, Communications Manager Nicole Clark advised that we currently have a subscription rate of 28% for this community project (576 units out of 2000 units). Each customer can buy up to 125 units.
- c. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Waddell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried, the Commission adopted RESOLUTION 2147-19 Establishing the Current Schedule of Deposits and Charges and Line Extension Unit Prices.
- d. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission adopted RESOLUTION 2148-19 Authorizing the of Surplus Property consisting of a Topcon Robotic Station and a Topcon Surveying Data Collector for a combined value of \$4500.00, as these items are no longer supported by the manufacturer and are not compatible with current computers.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

GM Doug Nass reported on a letter from Clallam County Commissioners to State legislators advising them of the detrimental impact that the State’s refusal to pay election costs in even-numbered years is having on the County’s budget. He advised that consequently the District may in the future be asked to bear some of these election costs. GM Nass also referred to a recent PDN article on the recent acceleration of snowpack melting, which is predicted to result in a dry summer on the Peninsula and potentially, a reduced water supply.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Waddell reported that he attended May’s Public Power Council (PPC). Topics of conversation were the Snake River dams and BPA. Commissioner Waddell said that BPA’s Sr. Vice President of Power Joel Cook feels that the Snake River dams are an asset and that legislation would be required to divest them. Commissioner Waddell stated that if it is proved out that the

dams are not profitable that we should have a choice in not investing in them. He believes that the dam's efficiency ratings are dropping and that BPA is cherry picking the information that they are disseminating regarding the dams. He also said there was still the question if BPA had booked against their reserves the billions that they have spent on Snake River fish mitigation.

Commissioner Purser reported that he attended Energy Northwest meetings. Topics were Board of Director policies, FY20 budget, the pros and cons of public bidding on nuclear projects, recent legislation, compensation, and the decommissioning of the Columbia Generating Station. Additionally there was discussion about the possibility of obtaining renewable status for nuclear, due to its zero-carbon emissions, which could translate into a number of small nuclear projects; and a report from BPA that predicts a dry year. Commissioner Purser said he enjoyed talking with staff and meeting the public while attending the annual PUD employee BBQ at the Irrigation Festival parade site.

STAFF REPORT

GM Doug Nass attended PPC and reported that BPA very likely will go into the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). He gave a brief summary of recent legislation concerning electric vehicles, broadband, utility worker harassment, renewable hydrogen, and the net metering requirement which mandates that utilities expand solar net metering to 4% of their load. He also spoke about the Governor's bill for 100% clean energy by 2045, saying that the District is probably already there at 98% with a combination of hydro and nuclear; in addition the District obtains RECs. GM Nass also relayed to the Board that the District will be partnering with the League of Women Voters at their request on their upcoming community water education endeavor, with the caveat that the League must obtain prior review and approval before using the District's logo on any of their materials. He also advised that he is putting together a schedule for a series of commission orientations throughout the summer, to be noticed as public meetings if more than one Commissioner attends at a time.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF

The Board requested follow up on the following issues:

- a. Convey information to customers that the Interconnection Requirements Policy has been modified to eliminate the prior requirement to collocate a disconnect with the PUD meter when the PUD meter is remote from the net meter generating source.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.