

REGULAR MEETING OF PACIFIC COUNTY PUD COMMISSIONERS HELD TUESDAY

April 4, 2017.....

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 2 of Pacific County, Washington met in regular session at the PUD Auditorium in Raymond, Washington at the hour of 1:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Thompson, Swanson, and Anderson, Attorney Penoyar, General Manager Miller, Kayla Calabrese, Renae Powell, Mark Hatfield, Humaira Falkenberg, Craig Murray, Jason Dunsmoor, Dave Gager, Bryce Aust, Pat Myers, Dick Sheldon, Steve Sheary, Gary Dennis, Cecelia Dennis, Kelly Kaech, Garry Bugh, Ruth Bugh, R. Mark Seifried, and Ron Craig.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

AGENDA ITEM:

The Board of Commissioners awarded service pins to the following Willapa Operations Center employees:

Kayla Calabrese	5 Years
Bryce Aust	10 Years

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Dick Sheldon questioned why he had not received answers to his questions for Attorney Penoyar. Attorney Penoyar informed Dick Sheldon that he had the documents available and would provide them. Dick Sheldon also asked that the Commission replace the current chair or the limitation on public comment be changed. He requested a decision be made at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Informational material was received from the following or in reference to: American Public Power Association, Columbia Basin Bulletin – Weekly Fish and Wildlife News, Newsdata Corporation, Northwest Public Power Association, the Washington PUD Association, Bonneville Power Administration and the Department of Energy, Energy Northwest, Northwest Open Access Network, Northwest RiverPartners, Public Power Council, and The Energy Authority.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- General Manager Miller reported that the District has received an invoice in the amount of \$2,455.60 from Pacific County Fire District No. 1 for fire protection at the Peninsula Operations Center in Long Beach for the Year 2017. This figure is the same as the last couple of years.
- General Manager Miller informed the Board of a refund that PURMS received for being a Member Company to an Energy Insurance Mutual (EIM) excess carrier at the end of last year. The EIM declared \$25 million in Policyholders’ Surplus and distributed it to Member Companies with PURMS share being \$12,807.00 and the District’s share being \$402.36.
- General Manager Miller reported an update for NoaNet.
- Reported on meetings held over the last two weeks.
- Reported on upcoming meetings scheduled for the next two weeks.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and passed entering into Service Extension Contracts with the following:

Timothie Rochon
D.M. DelaBarre
Neil & Chanel Wirkkala
Greg Harris
James Misko

Motion made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed authorizing General Manager Miller to enter into a Service Order Summary sheet with CresComm WiFi, LLC.

A Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the 2014 Bond Issue and Projects Going Forward. The Board requested that General Manager Miller provide a list of remaining projects that will be used with the bond money.

Dave Gager provided a presentation on “A Basic Intro to Cyber Security”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

General Manager Miller informed the Board of the hiring of a new Chief of Engineering and Operations, Craig Kalich, to start May 1st.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Commissioner Swanson attended the quarterly Water Meeting at the Washington PUD Association. He said it was nice to speak with state officials on subjects affecting the testing of water. Commissioner Swanson thanked Dave Gager for his presentation and felt that it would be good to hear from other department heads.

Commissioner Anderson agreed that it would be good to implement small presentations on what is and will be going on at future Board meetings. Commissioner Anderson addressed Dick Sheldon and informed him that he could have 5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting and five minutes at the end, both under Items from the Public not on the Agenda. Commissioner Anderson also made a comment in regards to a voucher paid for furniture.

Commissioner Swanson reminded Commissioner Anderson that the five minute limit was put in place because of prior issues.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had been curious about the voucher for furniture but that she contacted staff for clarification. Commissioner Thompson asked General Manager Miller if there had been any items of question from the NoaNet Audit. General Manager Miller informed her that there was a Management Letter with two items and two items on the exit list that NoaNet had previously been aware of. Commissioner Thompson asked if specific items can be researched by an SAO team at the request of the entity. General Manager Miller informed her that yes, they can be. Commissioner Thompson felt that it would be a good idea for the District to have the State Auditor’s Office look into the bond spending to help clear up allegations about bond money being used as a slush fund, with no opposition from the other Commissioners. General Manager Miller stated that he can bring that up in the entrance conference.

Commissioner Thompson also attended the quarterly WPUDA Water Meeting via teleconference. She felt there was very good information and she appreciated the opportunity.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Steve Sheary asked why there was police at the March 21st Board of Commissioners Meeting in Long Beach and who paid for it. Commissioner Thompson informed him that she had a discussion with someone from the sheriff's office and they authorized someone to be at the meeting. She did not request it and the District did not pay for it.

Dick Sheldon shared his thoughts and requested an open forum for customers.

R. Mark Seifried thanked Commissioner Anderson for requesting a list of the projects to be done using the 2014 Bond Issue.

Commissioner Thompson reminded everyone that Pacific County PUD has good reliability, retail rates are among the lowest in the state, and a stable staff, so the District must be doing something right. She shared that she believes things can be improved no matter what is being done.

Dick Sheldon reiterated that he feels a public discussion is desperately needed.

Steve Sheary claimed that in the past General Manager Miller stated that rates would go down if the bond did not go through. General Manager Miller informed him that the rates would only go down if other projects were not done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Vouchers duly verified and certified were presented to the Board of Commissioners, each specifying the amount to be paid and the purpose of each payment. Each voucher was duly audited by the Auditor of the District, and the Board approved said claims including Revenue Vouchers 196194 through 196388 in the amount of \$357,913.65.