

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
January 28, 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, Treasurer/Finance Manager
Lori Carter, Controller/Auditing Officer
Nicole Clark, Communications Manager
Chanda Nipcon, Customer Service Supervisor
Doug Adams, Transmission & Substation System Supervisor
Teresa Lyn, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Paul Gottlieb	Kia Armstrong
Dan Toepper	Maria Trellingham
Werner Buehler	Debra Stevens
Herb Senft	Kyra Humphrey
Greg Butler	Liann Finnerty
Diana Somerville	Elden Housinger
Krestene Reed	Jim Povyat
Darlene Schoenfeld	Mike Green
Inga Able	Rose Marshall

The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 14th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Schoenfeld, Inga Able, and Kate Sheffield expressed their opposition to smart meters and the \$30 opt-out fee.

Chanda Masta, Deborah Stevens, Marie Trillingham, and Kia Armstrong expressed their opposition to the \$30 opt-out fee.

Kyra Humphrey stated that opt out fee is too high for those who cannot afford it.

Rose Marshall shared her concerns about smart meters and inquired if the meter could be changed to pulse once a day at a set time.

A resident that lives on Fish Hatchery Road expressed her concerns regarding smart meters.

Herb Senft expressed his concerns about smart meters and stated that he believes the money could be better spent on other projects.

Diana Somerville stated that she believes there was a lack of public transparency in the smart meter decision-making process and expressed concern that the meters would not work in the west end of the county.

Commissioner Purser advised that the District will be holding workshops on February 4th at 1:30 PM and 5:30 PM to give a presentation on the District's advanced meter strategy. GM Nass said that any questions asked will be addressed at the workshops.

Krestene Reed requested written responses within 10 days for her emailed questions to Commissioner Anderson.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Commissioner Waddell was contacted by a customer who received a quote for a disconnect mechanism that is required to install her solar power system. He suggested that the PUD review their quotation process as he believes that we may be over-interpreting regulations and applying a stricter than necessary disconnect requirement for net metering. Commissioner Purser explained that he thinks that the regulation referred to is a liability and insurance requirement. He also advised that PUD would be setting up a work session within the next few weeks on net metering.

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission authorized Invitation to Bid #190801 for one 3-phase, 12/16/20 MVA power transformer without load tap changer. AGM Purvis advised that refurbished transformers, as well as new, are being considered.

CORRESPONDENCE

GM Nass advised that we have had a number of customers impacted by the government shut down; and that although the shutdown is now over there are still some customers that we will be working with until they receive their paychecks.

GM Nass requested Commission approval for writing a letter of support to our legislators regarding the installation of a divider at the treacherous Morse Creek S curve section of Highway 101. The Commissioners agreed.

CLAIM VOUCHER APPROVALS

Two lists of claim vouchers as certified by the General Manager and Auditing Officer were considered. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission approved payment of: claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,641,220.64 for 1/22/19. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commission approved payment of: claim vouchers in the amount of \$245,946.43 for 1/28/2019.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Waddell reported that he attended WPUDA meetings last week, where he received an orientation on the transparency and ethics involved in working as a public utility commissioner. He also related that the Snake River dam talking points that WPUDA is preparing to present to legislators contain incorrect information. He suggested that GM Nass follow up so we can review it.

Commissioner Purser reported that he attended WPUDA and Energy Northwest meetings. He was surprised to learn at one of the meetings that out of 1400 public power utilities only 250, including PUD, are recognized as being RP3 certified in operational excellence. He also advised that the North Olympic Development Council is looking to install EV charging stations along the Highway 101 loop with stations, and he was advised by AGM Purvis that the District has been in communications with Energy Northwest on this program.

STAFF REPORTS

GM Nass requested that the current weekly claim vouchers be combined into one packet with one cover sheet to be reviewed on a bi-monthly basis at the board meetings. Commissioners gave their approval. GM Nass and the Commissioners also discussed delegate assignments for the various organizations in which the District has membership.

GM Nass related that the District's Annual Report, board packets, and the District's Emergency Response and Restoration Plan are all available on the website. He advised that we are being as transparent as possible with the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.