

CLALLAM COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Main Office | 104 Hooker Road | Sequim, WA 98382
JANUARY 13, 2020

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, Controller/Auditing Officer
Bill Decker, Forks Operations Superintendent
Jamie Spence, Human Resources Manager
Nicole Clark, Communications Manager
Teresa Lyn, Executive Assistant
Larry Morris, Safety Manager

Others Present

Marty Brewer, PASD Superintendent	Patti Morris
Nolan Duce, PASD Facilities Director	Rick Paschall
Greg McNutt, Milliman, Inc. Consultant	Marty Brun
Scott Simms, PPC Executive Director	Jim Schunemann
Michael Deen, PPC Policy Director	Jane Vanderhoof
Michael Linn, PPC Senior Policy Analyst	Richard DeBusman
Werner Buehler	Nina Sarmiento
Fred Mitchell	Rob Ollikainen
Diane Hood	
Don Myers	

The meeting commenced at 1:31 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commissioners approved the following consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the November 25th and December 9th, 2019 regular meetings;
- b. Claim vouchers from December 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, 2019 and January 6th, 2020 in the total amount of \$5,410,127,02;
- c. Payroll vouchers for the periods of November 16th through November 30th, December 1st through 15th, and the December 20, 2019 Interim Employee Payroll; and
- d. Removal of delinquent accounts from active accounts receivable in the amount of \$3,573.82 including a 30% collection fee.

PUBLIC COMMENT 1

Diane Hood made an inquiry regarding her bill, specifically to the effect that the basic rate reflected an increase of over 3.8%.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Port Angeles School District Superintendent Marty Brewer and Facilities Director Nolan Duce presented on the critical need for improvement or replacement of PASD schools, and outlined the rationale, strategy, costs, and timeline of the PA School District Capital Levy, which will be on the February 2020 ballot.

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commissioners adopted Resolution 2166-20 adopting a new charge card policy.

Forks Operations Superintendent Bill Decker presented on the invitation to bid for the Forks Operations building. Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commissioners authorized District staff to publish notice inviting formal bids for the construction of a single story operations building of approximately 11,640 square feet located at 241 Industrial Center in Forks, WA. The engineer's construction cost estimate for the project is \$4,500,000.

Senior Consultant Greg McNutt of Milliman, Inc. presented compensation study results for the recent study conducted for Clallam County PUD #1.

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Commissioners adopted Resolution 2168-20 establishing titles and monthly salary ranges for staff employees and rescinding Resolution 2133-18.

Scott Simms, PPC Executive Director, and Michael Deen, PPC Policy Director, discussed the current challenges facing BPA, the value that BPA and the Lower Snake River Dams bring to public power and the region (including low cost, reliability, grid stability, and a clean renewable resource) in relation to alternative power supply sources, the various and credible studies that concluded that replacing the Lower Snake River Dams would result in increased costs and greenhouse gas emissions and lower grid reliability. They also pointed out that BPA and public power have a long-term commitment to fish and wildlife mitigation, and discussed upcoming PPC initiatives aimed at making BPA more competitive.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Will Purser reported on the July 17, 2019 *Future NW Capacity Shortages* paper which was written by Randy Hardy and Larry Kitchen.

STAFF REPORTS

GM Doug Nass asked the Commissioners to review the draft *2020 Committees and Organizations Memberships List* and advise him of feedback they have. He also requested and received, authorization to approve the annual PPC invoice for dues.

Commissioner Jim Waddell discussed and distributed information which he said disputes the Public Power Council's *Lower Snake River Dams Fact Sheet*.

PUBLIC COMMENT 2

Jane Vanderhoof commented that she installed solar several years ago on her farm near Joyce and said that she thinks the system is de-incentivizing solar because she is not seeing the returns that she did previously. GM Doug Nass said this was due to state law, which the District must follow.

Diane Hood read her correspondence to the board regarding what she believes is an incorrect opt-out fee. She also inquired about when a model smart meter would be made available in the lobby for the public to ascertain how it functions.

Nina Sarmiento said that she has seen a lot of work going into salmon recovery and stated that she thought the best option (to breach the Lower Snake River dams) has been ignored. She said that it was great to hear the Public Power Council speak to the power supply side of the issue, however she believes there will ongoing public pressure to take down the dams.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF

Staff was asked to research customer Diane Hood's correspondence, and to look into HB22-48 regarding community solar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting recessed at 4:54 PM to go into executive session for 20 minutes to review the performance of public employees, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). Those in attendance were Commissioners Purser, Waddell, and Anderson, General Manager Doug Nass, Assistant General Manager John Purvis, Legal Counsel Simon Barnhart, Human Resources Manager Jamie Spence, and Treasurer/Finance Manager Sean Worthington. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.