

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Okanogan County
Public Utility District Board of Commissioners

Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
March 7, 2006
Executive Session 12:30 PM
Regular Session 2:30 PM

Present:

Board: Donald Johnson, Ernest Bolz, David Womack

Staff: Chuck Berrie, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Dan Boettger, Steve Brown, Julie Pyper

Attorney: Michael Howe

Public: Penny Eckert, Nicole Hughes - Tetra Tech,
Chris Thew - Chronicle
Roy Webster

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I. Call to Order:

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and recessed the Commission into executive session for two hours to discuss litigation, and the Methow Transmission Project Traditional Cultural Property Report and the Cultural Resources Inventory Report.

President Johnson reconvened the Commission into regular session at 2:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Womack added to the agenda the need to reschedule the March 21, 2006 Board meeting.

Manager Berrie added to the agenda a general rates and capital plan discussion.

Commissioner Womack moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolz, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion unanimously carried.

III. Consent Agenda Items:

The Minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting were submitted for approval.

The following vouchers were submitted for approval:

Voucher numbers 90945 through 90965 in the amount of \$197,750.47, vouchers 90966 through 91052 in the amount of \$390,643.49, and vouchers 91053 through 91055 in the amount of \$89,106.38.

The following work order was submitted for approval:

05-0547 District, Barnholt Loop Rd. \$ 1,945.00

The following transfers of accounts and invoices were submitted for approval:

Balboa, Amelia	\$244.33
Homer, Viola	\$ 97.43
Humling, Michael	\$ 61.43
Jones, Willie J.	\$367.33
Valencia, Francisco & Antonia	\$ 12.51
Total:	\$783.03

Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Womack, to approve the consent agenda. The motion unanimously carried.

IV. Public Comment:

Roy Webster of Okanogan asked if the Board passed Resolution No. 1310 establishing new Internet rates on the District's Telecommunications System.

V. Action Agenda:

A. Old Business

1. Methow Transmission Project: EIS Update:

The Methow Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement will be mailed from Seattle today and is available on the PUD website at www.okanoganpud.org.

Line Loss Report:

In response to questions from previous meetings, Manager Berrie clarified information on system line losses and provided a graphic of generation sources and the proposed Methow transmission line.

2. Reschedule Board Meeting:

An upcoming Energy Northwest members meeting conflicts with the March 21, 2006 PUD Board meeting. Following discussion, the March 21st meeting was rescheduled to March 28th with executive session at 12:30 p.m. and regular session at 1:30 p.m.

B. New Business:

1. Manager's Report:

Manager Berrie reported on the following:

- Memorandums were sent to various agencies regarding the proposed emergency action and work plan for removal of the logjam upstream from Enloe Dam. In response to a request for proposals, the District is working with agencies and contractors to provide a safe and clean method for log and debris removal with no or minimal environmental or sediment disturbance.
- Due to the size of the Board meeting audio files, the District will post the four most current recordings on the website. Archived recordings are available by request.
- Yahoo and Microsoft are coming to North Central Washington according to a March 3rd editorial in the Wenatchee World. A large bandwidth contract

with the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) was cited as a deciding factor in the decision.

2. Power Report:

In a final wholesale and retail power sales report for calendar year 2005, the District had a net gain of \$3.1 million over the estimated budget. Preliminary figures for January and February suggest cautious optimism that volumes will be up and prices down in 2006.

3. General Rates & Capital Plan Discussion:

A proposed five-year electric plant improvement plan was provided for the Board's review and discussion at a future meeting.

4. Meetings:

Commissioners Johnson and Bolz plan to attend the March 21-22, 2006 Energy Northwest members meeting in Richland.

The next Okanogan PUD Board meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2006 with executive session at 12:30 p.m. followed by regular session at 1:30 p.m.

VI. Public Comment:

No further public comment was offered.

VII. Executive Session:

President Johnson recessed the Commission into executive session at 3:46 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the Methow Transmission Project Traditional Cultural Property Report and Cultural Resources Inventory Report, with no action anticipated.

President Johnson reconvened the Commission into regular session at 4:12 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Donald W. Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Ernest J. Bolz, Vice-President

David A. Womack, Secretary