

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

Okanogan PUD Auditorium  
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA

August 8, 2006  
12:30 PM

**Present:**

Board: Donald Johnson, Ernest Bolz, David Womack

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

Public: Public: Trish Butler  
Chris Thew - The Chronicle

**Summary Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Consent Agenda Items
  - Minutes
  - Work Orders
  - Transfer of Accounts
- IV. Approval of Vouchers
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Action Agenda
  1. Update on Forest Service/Loup Loup
  2. Whole-House Surge Protection
  3. Manager's Report
  4. Power Report
  5. Meetings
  6. Review & Clarification of 7/25/06 Newsletter & Rate Changes
- Discussion
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order:**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Johnson added to the agenda a review and clarification of the July 25, 2006 discussion on the newsletter and rate changes.

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

### III. Consent Agenda Items:

The Minutes of the July 25, 2006 meeting were submitted for approval.

The vouchers submitted for approval were removed from the consent agenda for consideration.

The following work orders were submitted for approval:

05-0316	District, Okanogan Fair Grounds	\$ 6,767.62
05-0367	Pam Burton, 464 E. Hwy. 20	\$ 3,813.00
06-004&02	JT & Letitia Jeter, Lot 5, Div. V, Nine Mile Ranch	\$ 910.00
06-0219	Henson Construction/Shein, 196 Westlake Rd., Oroville	\$ 5,097.00
06-0309	Methow River Ranch/River House, 160 Burma Rd.	\$ 6,777.00
06-0333	Jenny Bird, 2087 Hwy. 153, Carlton	\$ 4,567.00
06-0366	District, Granite St.	\$ 1,026.00
06-0386	Tacoma Land Co./McNulty, Lot 2, Div. VI, Nine Mile	\$ 3,526.00
06-0393	Robert Thomas, 244 Antwyne Lane	\$ 3,327.00
06-0410	Colville Indian Power & Veneer	\$ 5,285.00
06-0415	District, Hosheit Rd. - Tunk Valley	\$15,515.00
06-0416	District, Elmway, Okanogan	\$ 772.00
06-0417	Roxy Spray, 214 Hosheit Rd.	\$ 6,691.00
06-0418	Thomas & Vicky Didenhover, 110 Meyers Crk., Chesaw	\$ 7,615.00
06-0421	Ken Ries, Lookout Spur Rd.	\$ 2,204.00
06-0423	Tom Hancox, N. Star Rd.	\$ 3,630.00
06-0443	S&H Mobile/Rameriz, Jaquish Rd.	\$ 1,573.00
06-0445	Rilla Kells, 150 Greenacres Rd.	\$ 4,406.00
06-0448	Tim Williams, Danzel Rd., Methow	\$ 2,007.00
06-0452	District, 1413 N. 4th Ave., Okanogan	\$ 1,180.00
	Total:	\$86,688.62

The following accounts/invoices were submitted for write-off/collection due to nonpayment:

Amundson, Adam W.	\$229.60
Belgarde, Bill L.	154.27
Burns, Virginia	37.27

Eiffert, Leanne	1,008.56
Gardner, Billy & Johnson, Brad A.	536.85
Gelvin, Yolia	294.57
Goetz, Debbie	302.19
Goetz, Nathan	101.74
Goetz, Nathan	66.58
Goodyear, Pamela J.	190.65
Green, Katherine M.	706.92
Long, James	427.52
Martin, Eric	103.38
Moomaw, Truman F.	194.80
Reliance Construction LLC	282.96
Shearin, William	194.93
Shelby, Jeff	244.96
Stickel, Katie Lynn	19.59
Swezey, Marianne	150.53
Track, Jeremiah	368.64
Villafana, Eduardo	191.89
Watson, Heather	29.79
Total	\$5,838.19

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

#### **IV. Approval of Vouchers:**

The following vouchers were submitted for approval:

Voucher numbers 92884 through 93017 in the amount of \$1,691,132.83, voucher 93018 in the amount of \$80,923.00, vouchers 93019 through 93042 in the amount of \$245,567.50, vouchers 93043 through 93122 in the amount of \$379,656.12, and No.'s 93123 through 93124 in the amount of \$93,313.50.

Following discussion, Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Womack, to approve the vouchers. The motion unanimously carried.

#### **V. Public Comment:**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **VI. Action Agenda:**

1. Update on Forest Service/Loup Loup:

Staff reported that work on the Loup Loup fuel reduction project is ongoing. The contractor has completed approximately 30 acres (about 50% of the project). Work will continue until the project is complete, likely in September depending on fire restrictions.

## 2. Whole-House Surge Protection:

The District is eligible to participate through Energy Northwest in a whole-house surge protection program offered by APPA's Hometown Connections. The program would be made available to District customers for a monthly charge and would consist of a surge protection device that adapts to a customer's existing meter base to help stop high-voltage electrical disturbances before they enter the home.

The Board expressed interest in the proposal and requested that staff provide additional information and options along with associated costs for inclusion in the 2007 budget.

## 3. Manager's Report:

The Manager's report included the following information:

Staff is in daily communication with fire information personnel. At a recent meeting in Twisp attended by the Manager and Chief Engineer, the Forest Service emphasized the priority of the District's transmission line.

Rate design information from Dave Bouchard of NWPPA is now available as a follow-up to his July 11, 2006 utility visit.

The NoaNet Board will recommend member approval of Bylaw revisions at a special meeting on August 9, 2006. The Okanogan PUD Board will consider the proposal at its August 22, 2006 meeting.

Staff and agency officials recently toured Enloe Dam and Shanker's Bend on the Similkameen River. Enough interest was expressed for a large water storage reservoir at the site that it might be considered for inclusion in a feasibility study.

Due to an increase in requests for new service connections, the District expects to exceed the meter department budget in 2006. In addition, overtime expenses are tracking ahead of budget forecasts due to the increased demand for new service connections, unanticipated mutual aid requests and several large scale line extension projects.

## 4. Power Report:

The following information was presented:

The District will be advertising for the position of Power Resource Manager.

On the same date that California set a new peak load for electric energy demand, the Northwest Power Pool reported that a new record of approximately 54,000 megawatts was set in this region.

**5. Meetings:**

Commissioner Bolz attended the Board of Directors meeting of Energy Northwest on July 26, 2006 in Richland.

The next Okanogan PUD Board meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD auditorium.

**6. Review & Clarification of 7/25/06 Newsletter & Rate Changes Discussion:**

There was further discussion of Commissioner Johnson's letter to the editor regarding the Watt's Up supplement and the costs of running a second transmission line into the Methow Valley.

**VII. Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. Executive Session:**

President Johnson recessed the Commission into executive session at 1:45 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss litigation, with no action anticipated.

President Johnson reconvened the Commission into regular session at 2:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Donald W. Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Ernest J. Bolz, Vice-President

David A. Womack, Secretary