

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

**Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
February 27, 2007
12:30 PM**

Present:

Board: David Womack, Ernest Bolz, Trish Butler

Staff: Chuck Berrie, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Warren Miller, Derek Miller, Ron Gadeberg, Tom Pearson, Steve Brown, Julie Pyper

Attorney: Michael Howe

Public: Scott DeTro, JJ Boettger, Bill Swayze, Chris Thew, John Andrist,
Mike Brooks, Roy Webster

Summary Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Workshop

III. Business Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes
- Vouchers
- Work Orders
- Transfer of Accounts

3. Public Comment

4. Telecom Rates Discussion

- Resolution No. 1328 Establishing SONET Rates
- Resolution No. 1329 Establishing Internet Rates
- Resolution No. 1330 Establishing Ethernet & Wireless Rates

5. Resolution No. 1327 - Approving the purchase and closing of sale of certain real property

6. Manager's Report

7. Power Report

8. Meetings

IV. Executive Session

V. Adjournment

I. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was convened by President Womack at 12:30 p.m.

II. Workshop:

The workshop period included discussion on the current line extension process and a review of the Organization Chart of the District.

III. Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Agenda:

The need for an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting was noted. Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were submitted for approval.

B. Vouchers:

The following vouchers were submitted for approval:

Voucher numbers 21, 86-87 and 95866 through 95889 in the amount of \$210,152.92, 95890 through 95968 in the amount of \$216,836.95, and vouchers 23-24 and 95969 through 96024 in the amount of \$1,043,809.99.

C. Work Orders:

The following work orders were submitted for approval:

05-0225	District; Loomis/Oroville Rd.	\$36,243.00
07-0002	District; West River Road	529.00
07-0003	District; Okoma Drive	2,948.00
07-0004	Mawdsley, Larry; 311 Omak River Rd.	604.00
07-0004	Demmit, Chuck & Chad; 543 E. Dewberry	1,268.00
07-0068	Shephard, Ann; Janis Bridge	4,853.00
07-0070	Kaufold, Bill; Horizon Estates	4,623.00
07-0081	District; Harley St & River Crossing	37,779.00
07-0084	Judd, Lenny; Spring Coulee Road	3,889.00
07-0087	District; 1821 Old Hwy 97	1,894.00
07-0093	District; South of Chiliwist Rd.	2,282.00
	Total:	\$96,912.00

D. Transfer of Accounts:

The following accounts were submitted for write off/collection due to nonpayment.

Bordwell, Jay	\$135.84
Brown, Laura	87.10
Cates, Richard	120.40
Certain, Barbara	151.02
Chamberlin, Con J. (Estate)	5.25
Charley, Kathryn	85.31
Chavez, Alfonso	42.45
Cisneros, Norberta	39.12
Cole, Cheri Ann	591.81
Dearden, Mark C.	34.85
Ennen, Anne L.	76.30
Fenison, Corbin A. (Estate)	32.31
Fry, George (Estate)	19.97
Garcia, Lorena	9.86
Hale, Stephen	91.28
Jones, Jason	381.49
Knight, Tanja	140.95
Koester, Jack	27.13
Levi, Alana	46.05
Lopez, Hilario	23.08
Louderback, Janele M.	66.31
Lyons, Gregory & Ladean	47.79
Lyons, Ralph	227.36
McAllister, Shirley Lynn	117.86
McDonald, Nancy F.	19.87
McIntyre, Jamie	80.00
Meslar, John & Margaret Finn	857.67
Maynard, Gabrielle	98.70
Moore, Helen (Estate)	142.24
Reyes, Corrine	4.55
Rios, Lucy C.	50.00
Robbins, Vickie	32.41
Robinson, Angela	233.68
Searcy, Donald	38.02
Sellers, Ed W.	187.57
Stanford, Tilman	189.46
Stotts, Ryan Joseph	127.58
Stotz, Michelle & Joe	126.23
Taber, Denise	320.74
Thomas Sr., Michael J.	70.07
Valdovinos, Yolanda E.	2.63
Williams, Amber	61.89
Total:	\$5,244.20

Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Attorney Scott DeTro addressed a client's need for an underground power line and requested that the District consider amending its present practice, which prohibits alternating between overhead, underground and back to overhead. Following discussion, the matter was deferred to staff for review.

4. Telecom Rates Discussion:

Resolution No. 1328 was introduced for establishing revised SONET Rates on the District's Telecommunication System. Following discussion, the Resolution was amended to include an effective date of April 1, 2007. Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to adopt Resolution No. 1328 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1329 was introduced for establishing revised Internet Rates on the District's Telecommunication System. Following discussion, the Resolution was amended to include an effective date of April 1, 2007. Commissioner Butler moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolz, to adopt Resolution No. 1329 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1330 was introduced for establishing Ethernet and Wireless Rates on the District's Telecommunication System. Following discussion, the Resolution was amended to include an effective date of April 1, 2007. Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to adopt Resolution No. 1330 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was received from John Andrist of NCI Data.com, Bill Swayze of Community Net, Jeff Hardy of Methownet.com, and Roy Webster.

5. Resolution No. 1327 - Approving the purchase and closing of sale of certain real property:

Resolution No. 1327 was introduced to approve the purchase and closing of sale of certain real property from John Umberger, et ux. The purchase of a future substation site in the Methow Valley is more particularly described in the Option to Purchase dated September 12, 2006.

Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to adopt Resolution No. 1327. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Manager's Report:

The Public Power Council, based in Portland, Oregon and representing the interests of consumer-owned and publicly-owned electric utilities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, is expected to announce this week a new Executive Director to replace Marilyn Showalter.

Manager Berrie will be meeting on March 2, 2007 with Terry Knapton of the Economic Alliance out of the CTED office to discuss grant funding opportunities for telecommunications to the Methow Valley and a biomass generation facility for Okanogan County.

7. Power Report:

The Power Resource staff presented a report on load growth projections forward to 2011 and 2018 in comparison to the District's current resources. This issue will be addressed in a future Board workshop.

8. Meetings:

Commissioner Bolz provided testimony on February 21, 2007 at a Senate hearing at the Capitol on a Senate Bill seeking to grant retail authority to PUDs engaged in telecommunications.

Commissioner Womack reported on the proceedings of the Washington PUD Association meetings and the State and Regional Greenhouse Gas/Climate Change Policy Workshop that he attended in Olympia on February 15-16, 2007.

The next Okanogan PUD Board meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD auditorium. A one-hour workshop will be the first agenda item followed by the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to the March 6th and March 20th meetings presently scheduled, the following meeting and workshop schedule was established:

Business Meetings:

April 10, 24 1:30 p.m.

May 1, 15, 29 1:30 p.m.

June 12, 26 1:30 p.m.

July 10, 24 1:30 p.m.

Town Hall Special Meeting:

Oroville (location to be determined)

March 26th 7:00 p.m. (rescheduled from previously set date of 3/27/07)

Workshops/Special Meetings:

March 6th 12:30 p.m. - Central Washington Power Authority

March 20th 12:30 p.m. - Northwest River Partners

March 30th 2:00 p.m. - Governance Policy

April 12th 3:00 p.m. - Power Supply

May 10th 3:00 p.m. - Biomass Study and Impacts of I-937

June 28 3:00 p.m. - Capital Improvements

Tentative Workshops/Special Meetings:

April 24 - Meeting with Legislative Liaison

May 9 - Tour Nine Canyon and Columbia Generation

Date to be determined - Tour Wells Dam and Meet with Douglas PUD Commissioners

IV. Executive Session:

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened into executive session to review the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). It was anticipated the executive session would last approximately 90 minutes with a public announcement to follow. At 5:30 p.m. the executive session was recessed.

Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to accept Chuck Berrie's resignation as Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

David A. Womack, President

Ernest J. Bolz, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Trish Butler, Secretary