

**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 20, 2007
12:30 PM**

Present: Board: David Womack, Ernest Bolz, Trish Butler
Staff: Chuck Berrie, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Derek Miller,
Dan Boettger, Tom Pearson, Ron Gadeberg,
Steve Brown, Julie Pyper
Attorney: Michael Howe
Public: Ray Ellis, Chris Thew, Mya Horner

Summary Agenda

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I. Call to Order:

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

II. Workshop:

The workshop period included discussion on the Public Power Council, Northwest River Partners, and Bonneville Power Administration’s estimated fish and wildlife costs.

III. Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Agenda:

The following additions to the agenda were presented: 1) Ray Ellis – General Manager of the Okanogan County Electric Co-operative; and 2) executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

2. Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes:

The Minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting were submitted for approval.

B. Vouchers:

The following vouchers were submitted for approval:

Voucher 96118 in the amount of \$96,372.91, vouchers 96119 through 96206 in the amount of \$233,815.85, vouchers 30, 90 and 96207 through 96226 in the amount of \$225,569.47, and vouchers 32-33 and 96227 through 96295 in the amount of \$862,361.24.

C. Work Orders:

The following work orders were submitted for approval:

06-0214	Joe Ahl, Starr Rd.	\$ 3,218.00
06-0314	Verizon Wireless, 117 Nichols Rd., Omak	2,794.00
06-0527	Richard Scott, Wannacut Lake Rd.	88,992.00
06-0693	Walter & Marilyn Gisin, N. Pine Crk. Rd.	19,566.00
07-0004	Jeff Presby, 18 Long Dr., Alta Lk.	1,028.00
07-0083	District, Okanogan 7000	40,339.00
07-0088	District/Wahl, Chopaka Rd.	59,477.00
07-0094	District, Kylin Rd., Brewster	2,131.00
07-0098	District, Old Hwy. 97	4,211.00
07-0100	Ron Wahl, 300 Chopaka Rd.	4,964.00
07-0103	Bob Thompson, Wannacut	5,348.00
07-0104	District, Palmer Lk.	2,166.00
07-0110	Eagle Rock Properties, Jacquish Rd.	3,249.00
07-0112	District, Brewster	866.00
07-0116	Sammy Gallagher, 23 Gavin Rd.	5,020.00

07-0117	Jeff Cooper, Lot 9, Golf Course Dr., Alta Lk.	3,805.00
07-0120	District, Havillah Rd.	1,790.00
07-0121	District/Voelckers, Pharr Rd.	4,966.00
07-0124	District, Ophir	4,851.00
07-0720	District/Sandflat Rd.	<u>136,775.00</u>
		\$395,556.00

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

IV. Public Comment:

No public comments were offered.

V. Action Agenda:

1. Ray Ellis – General Manager of Okanogan County Electric Co-operative:

Ray Ellis, General Manager of the Okanogan County Electric Co-operative, submitted a letter to the Commission expressing the Co-op Board’s desire to assist in the Similkameen Water Storage Project. The letter stated that the Co-op Board recognizes the tremendous benefit of the project and believes that combining the efforts of both utilities will increase the project’s viability and chance of success.

2. Introduction of District Employees (IT Department):

Introductions were made by President Womack of the Commission and by Information Systems Supervisor Jerry Day on behalf of the Information Technology department. Staff present included Lois Reed, Data Processing; Debbie Dibble, Information Systems Technician; and Dan Simpson, Information Systems Technician.

3. Award of Power Transformer Bid No. 333-07:

After rejecting all bid proposals received in December 2006 under Bid No. 329-06, a request for bids was resubmitted under Bid No. 333-07 for two 20 MVA substation power transformers. Following an evaluation of the eight bids received staff recommended accepting the bid from Waukesha, which is within the budgeted amount of \$1.2 million.

Commissioner Bolz moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to accept staff’s recommendation to award Bid No. 333-07 to Waukesha for the purchase of two 20 MVA substation power transformers. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager’s Report:

The Public Power Council Executive Committee voted to endorse Scott Corwin to head PPC as Executive Director; he will begin April 1st. Corwin currently is Vice President of Marketing and Public Affairs at PNGC Power.

Okanogan PUD's April 12th power supply workshop will be rescheduled.

Chuck Berrie and Dan Boettger recently met with the Federal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC regarding the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project. The District's Enloe Dam consultant Jeremy Pratt and project attorney Don Clarke also attended the meeting with FERC. Berrie and Boettger attended the National Hydropower Association 2007 Annual Conference during the same period.

5. Power Report:

Total wholesale and retail sales of electricity exceeded projected budget amounts by \$406,854 through February 2007 (\$19,000 over the original budget through February for wholesale power sales and \$387,854 over the original budget for retail sales through January).

6. Meetings:

Commissioner Bolz reported on proceedings of the NoaNet meeting he attended in Seattle on March 14, 2007.

Commissioner Butler reported on the Washington PUD Association meetings she attended in Olympia on March 8-9, 2007.

The Commissioners will participate in strategic planning on March 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., March 24, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. and March 25, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. The meetings will be held at the Enzian Inn, 590 Highway 2, Leavenworth.

A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled in Oroville on Monday, March 26, 2007. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at The Depot, 1210 Ironwood Street.

A special meeting is scheduled on March 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD Auditorium for the purpose of a Commissioners workshop.

The next Okanogan PUD Board regular meeting is scheduled on April 10, 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.

VI. Executive Session:

The regular meeting was recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened into executive session at 2:15 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and

to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, pursuant respectively to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). It was anticipated the executive session would last approximately 30 minutes with no action anticipated. At 2:45 p.m. the executive session was extended 15 minutes. At 3:00 p.m. the executive session was recessed with no public announcement.

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

David A. Womack, President

Ernest J. Bolz, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Trish Butler, Secretary