

**Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County**

**Okanogan PUD Auditorium  
1331 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, WA  
August 7, 2007  
12:30 PM**

**Present:** Board: David Womack via conference call, Ernest Bolz, Trish Butler  
Staff: Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Debra Peters, Kathy Gordon,  
Marla Thompson, Warren Miller, Mark Pritchard,  
Steve Brown, Julie Pyper  
Public: Sheila Corson – The Chronicle  
Jerry Barnes

**Summary Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Workshop / Time of Use Metering
- III. Business Meeting
  - 1. Approval of Agenda
  - 2. Consent Agenda Items
    - a) Minutes
    - b) Vouchers
    - c) Work Orders
  - 3. Public Comment
  - 4. Unfinished Business
  - 5. New Business
    - a) Issue Determination on Time of Use Metering
  - 6. Manager's Report
  - 7. Other Business
  - 8. Future Planning
  - 9. Meetings
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Public Workshop / Time of Use Metering:**

A public workshop was held to consider whether the District should implement time of use metering. (Time of use metering is a time-based rate schedule under which the rate charged by an electric utility to its customers varies during different time periods. The variance, if any, reflects the utility's cost to generate and purchase electricity at the wholesale level.) Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 utilities are required to conduct studies to determine if implementing a time of use metering policy would 1)

help conserve electricity, 2) optimize the efficiency of the electric system, and 3) provide equitable rates to all electric consumers.

No concerns or opinions were expressed by the public. A Resolution pertaining to a determination will be presented under agenda item 5(a).

**III. Business Meeting:**

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

Discussion on a mechanic truck purchase was added to the agenda under the Manager’s Report.

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

**2. Consent Agenda Items:**

**a) Minutes:**

The Minutes of the July 23, 2007 special meeting and July 24, 2007 regular meeting were submitted for approval.

**b) Vouchers:**

The following vouchers were submitted for approval:

Vouchers 90, 92 and 97932 through 98028 in the amount of \$1,310,641.85, vouchers 92, 105 and 98029 through 98048 in the amount of \$236,194.14, and vouchers 98049 through 98159 in the amount of \$1,291,705.61.

**c) Work Orders:**

The following work orders were submitted for approval:

07-0286	Bev & Gerald McCall, 78 Mundy Rd., Twisp	\$ 1,416.00
07-0373	UCAN Properties, Lots 2 & 3, Blue Lake, Oroville	5,922.00
07-0390	District, Brewster Substation	5,045.00
07-0396	David Dillon, Lot 22, Div. 1, Nine Mile Ranch	5,559.00
07-0421	Bob Rylie, 87 Applejack Rd., Tonasket	4,488.00
07-0441	Colay Shellhamer/District, 25 Swanson Mill Rd., Oroville	927.00
07-0442	Kip Lawson, Greenacres Rd., Omak	5,379.00
07-0447	Dina Lund, Neville Ridge Rd., Omak	12,727.00
07-0448	James Stair, 1709 Hwy. 7, Oroville	6,491.00
07-0450	Nora Waller, 18-C Osprey Dr., Okanogan	686.00
07-0463	OK Tire Factory, 1622 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.	2,649.00
07-0465	District, Silver Hill, Conconully	877.00
07-0466	John Minyard, 1408 Elm St., Oroville	2,937.00
07-0468	Mike Udd, 910 W. Indian Ave., Brewster	5,072.00

07-0469	District, 38 Swanson Mill Rd., Oroville	5,674.00
07-0471	David Williams, 68 Keystone Rd., Riverside	<u>3,312.00</u>
		Total \$69,161.00

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

**3. Public Comment:**

No public comments were offered.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business to address.

**5. New Business:**

**a) Issue Determination on Time of Use Metering:**

On July 25, 2006 the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 1316 initiating an investigation regarding time-based rate schedules, smart metering and communications. Requests for written comments or proposals on the proposed standard were solicited for submittal between May 16, 2007 and June 16, 2007.

A feasibility study conducted by staff demonstrated that time-based metering is not cost effective and does not meet the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 purposes at this time.

Commissioner Womack moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to adopt Resolution No. 1443, resolving not to implement time-based metering until such time that it can be shown to be cost effective and meets the PURPA purposes or becomes required by law. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Manager's Report:**

The District was invited by State Representative Jeff Morris to participate in a roundtable discussion in Seattle on August 6, 2007 regarding vegetation management for utility lines that are located outside a utility's right-of-way. Two staff members represented Okanogan PUD's interest.

Following release of its Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and Record of Decision, the Bonneville Power Administration is conducting workshops on implementation details with the goal of signing new contracts in late 2008. BPA has also laid out details of the proceedings it will undertake in response to the court ruling that invalidated the 2001 Residential Exchange Program contracts.

The US Supreme Court recently reversed a Ninth Circuit Court decision that could impact future salmon litigation in the Northwest. The Court ruled that the Endangered Species Act is not a super statute that trumps other federal laws.

The Board approved staff's request for an additional \$9,000 in the 2007 budget to allow for the purchase of a mechanic's truck.

**7. Other Business:**

Commissioner Butler recommended that the signature of the District's attorney be included on all future Resolutions approved by the Board.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the matter will be considered on the next agenda.

**8. Future Planning:**

There were no future planning items presented.

**9. Meetings:**

Commissioner Butler attended meetings of the Washington PUD Association in Ellensburg on July 18-19, 2007. She also attended a meeting in Portland on August 1, 2007 regarding the BPA Residential Exchange Program.

Commissioner Bolz attended Energy Northwest Executive Board meetings in Richland on July 25-26, 2007.

Commissioner Womack attended meetings of the Washington PUD Association in Ellensburg on July 18-20, 2007.

The next Okanogan PUD Commission meeting is scheduled on August 21, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD auditorium.

**IV. Executive Session:**

The regular meeting was recessed at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened into executive session at 1:30 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). It was expected the executive session would last 30 minutes with no action anticipated. At 1:56 p.m. the executive session was recessed with no public announcement.

**V. Adjournment:**

The regular meeting was reconvened at 1:56 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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David A. Womack, President

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Ernest J. Bolz, Vice-President

ATTEST:

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Trish Butler, Secretary