

**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  
February 5, 2008  
1:30 PM**

**Present:** Board: David Womack, Ernest Bolz, Trish Butler  
Staff: John Grubich, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Derek Miller  
Ron Gadeberg, Steve Brown, Tina DeLap  
Attorney: Michael Howe  
Public: Sheila Corson – The Chronicle

**Summary Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Business Meeting – 1:30 p.m.
  - 1. Approval of Agenda
  - 2. Consent Agenda Items
    - a) Minutes of 1-29-08
    - b) Vouchers
    - c) Work Orders
    - d) Transfers of Accounts
  - 3. Public Comment
  - 4. Unfinished Business
  - 5. New Business
    - a) Discussion of Pledge of Allegiance in Board Meetings
  - 6. Manager’s Report
  - 7. Other Business
  - 8. Future Planning
  - 9. Meetings
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order:**

President Bolz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Business Meeting:**

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

Commissioner Womack moved to remove the Vouchers from the Consent Agenda and discuss them as a separate item. Commissioner Butler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**a) Minutes:**

The Minutes of the January 29, 2008 regular meeting were submitted for approval.

**b) Vouchers:**

Vouchers in the amount of \$596,927.20 were submitted for approval.

**c) Work Orders:**

Work Orders in the amount of \$70,659.00 were submitted for approval, and Telecom Work Orders in the amount of \$4,284.21 were submitted for approval.

**d) Transfer of Accounts**

No transfers of accounts were submitted for approval.

Upon clarification of vouchers by Director of Finance/Auditor Don Coppock, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the consent agenda including vouchers. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

No Public Comments were offered.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

No Unfinished Business items were presented.

**5. New Business:**

**a) Discussion of Pledge of Allegiance in Board Meetings**

As a result of an informal Washington PUD Association study, Commissioner Butler initiated a dialog regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at Board Meetings.

Commissioner Womack entered a motion to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Board meetings. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. Commissioner Bolz noted he would support observing the Pledge of Allegiance at Board Meetings, with the understanding that participation is an option, not a requirement, for meeting attendees. Upon the vote, the motion received unanimous approval. Staff was directed to purchase a United States flag and a Washington State flag for the auditorium.

**6. Manager’s Report:**

- **Legislative Action News:** Legislation requesting funding for overdue REPI (Renewable Energy Production Incentive) payments passed the Appropriations Committee, however funding is still an issue. Legislation regarding recording of Public Meeting Executive Sessions did not pass.
- **Cost Update:** Chief Engineer Derek Miller presented updated cost estimates for substation voltage regulators and line voltage regulators. Increasing costs of metals and petroleum products have driven equipment prices up 31%.
- **New Billing Statements:** Director of Finance/Auditor Don Coppock presented three draft statement copies, illustrating how new statements will appear once Customer Information System upgrades are complete. New statements will show more historical billing data than previous statements.
- **Power Update:** Power Resource Analyst Ron Gadeberg noted January wholesale power sales were strong, even during times of peak usage. Snow pack is currently at average levels.

**7. Other Business:**

No Other Business Items were presented.

**8. Future Planning:**

Manager of Operations Doug Adams reported a Conservation Workshop is being prepared, for tentative presentation at the March 4<sup>th</sup> or March 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The District's Strategic Planning Retreat will occur March 28 – 30, 2008 in Leavenworth.

**9. Meetings:**

Commissioner Womack attended a WPUDA Legislative Update conference call at Okanogan PUD headquarters on January 31, 2008.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place February 19, 2008 in Okanogan.

**III. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session occurred.

**IV. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ernest J. Bolz, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trish Butler, Vice-President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Womack, Secretary