

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

**Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
April 29, 2008
1:30 PM**

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

Summary Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Business Meeting
 - 1. Approval of Agenda
 - 2. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes of 4-15-08
 - b) Vouchers
 - c) Work Orders
 - d) Transfer of Accounts
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Unfinished Business
 - 5. New Business
 - a) WPUDA Telecom Survey
 - b) NoaNet Request for Loan Guarantees
 - c) Resolution No. 1456 – Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - d) Professional Service Agreement – Ripplinger Engineering
 - e) Approval of Additional Funds for Enloe Dam Project
 - 6. Manager’s Report
 - 7. Other Business
 - 8. Future Planning
 - 9. Meetings
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Adjournment

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

President Bolz called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manager of Operations Doug Adams.

II. Business Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended by the deletion of New Business item c) Resolution No. 1456 – Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

a) Minutes:

Minutes of the April 15, 2008 regular meeting were submitted for approval.

b) Vouchers:

Vouchers in the amount of \$573,502.84 were submitted for approval.

c) Work Orders:

Engineering work orders in the amount of \$120,559.00 and Telecom work orders in the amount of \$48,483.07 were submitted for approval.

d) Transfer of Accounts

No transfers of accounts were submitted.

Commissioner Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

No Public Comments were offered.

4. Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Womack reported that Will Schreckengast expressed his thanks for District staff's relocation of a pole at the Legion Park in Okanogan.

5. New Business:

a) WPUDA Telecom Survey

WPUDA's proposed survey of 500 telecom customers in Washington State was revisited. Commissioners support the survey; however issues were expressed regarding the length and content of the survey. Commissioner Butler will relay the Board's concerns to WPUDA at their May meeting in Skamania.

Commissioner Butler entered a motion to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 to WPUDA for a telephone survey, with the provision that survey concerns be addressed. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous approval.

b) NoaNet Request for Loan Guarantees

Commissioner Bolz provided reliability information regarding NoaNet's proposed redundant fiber route. The route in question has a 99.999% reliability rating, with down times of less than five hours per year.

Commissioner Butler moved, seconded by Commissioner Womack, to approve a loan guarantee to NoaNet in an amount not to exceed \$82,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Professional Service Agreement – Ripplinger Engineering Laboratories

Chief Engineer Derek Miller presented a Professional Service Agreement with Ripplinger Engineering, extending their contract date from May 1 to October 1, 2008. Ripplinger is assisting the District with Brewster substation alterations.

Commissioner Womack moved to authorize the Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Ripplinger Engineering Laboratories in an amount not to exceed \$97,000.00. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion, which received unanimous approval.

d) Approval of Additional Funds for Enloe Dam Project

Staff requested an additional \$150,000.00 for project costs not previously included in the 2008 budget.

Commissioner Butler moved to approve an additional \$150,000.00 for work on the Enloe Dam project. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Manager's Report:

General Manager John Grubich updated the Board on the following items:

- An agreement has been reached with the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) regarding a disputed tax issue.
- The District retained attorney Vince Cacciottoli to review its deferred compensation plans.
- The District retained the law firm of Ater Wynne for the purpose of reviewing future power sales agreements.
- An amended Co-location agreement was signed with CommunityNet, extending their expiration date to May 1, 2009.
- An amendment extending the project completion date from April 30, 2008 to April 1, 2009 was signed with Tetra Tech.

Power Resource Manager Ron Gadeberg provided a brief update of the Telecom operations.

Chief Engineer Derek Miller provided an update on recent outages.

Director of Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Dan Boettger presented information on current Environmental projects:

- The Interim Steering Committee (ISC) for the Shanker's Bend project met in Keremeos on April 22, 2008 to formalize items previously discussed.
- Meetings with participating agencies were held April 24, 25 and 28, 2008 to discuss various issues with the Enloe Dam project.
- FERC requested a review of project boundaries.

7. Other Business:

Commissioner Bolz reported Energy Northwest is surveying members to assess future energy needs. Commissioners noted the importance of conservation to our region and world-wide.

8. Future Planning:

No Future Planning Items were presented.

9. Meetings:

Commissioner Bolz traveled on April 22, attended an Energy Northwest Board meeting on April 23 and returned on April 24, 2008.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place May 6, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Okanogan.

III. Executive Session

The regular meeting was recessed and reconvened into executive session at 2:35 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g). It was expected the executive session would last approximately one hour, with no action anticipated.

At 3:35 p.m. the executive session was recessed with no public announcement.

IV. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Ernest J. Bolz, President

Trish Butler, Vice-President

ATTEST:

David Womack, Secretary