

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

**Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
May 6, 2008
1:30 PM**

Present: Board: Ernest Bolz, Trish Butler, David Womack
Staff: John Grubich, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Ron Gadeberg,
Mark Pritchard, Steve Brown, Tina DeLap
Attorney: Michael Howe
Public: Sheila Corson, Alex Paul – The Chronicle
Bill Swayze - CommunityNet

Summary Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Business Meeting
 - 1. Approval of Agenda
 - 2. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes of 4-29-08
 - b) Vouchers
 - c) Work Orders
 - d) Transfer of Accounts
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Unfinished Business
 - a) NoaNet Request for Loan Guarantors
 - 5. New Business
 - a) Professional Service Agreement – Michael D. Howe
 - b) Bid No. 351-08 for the Purchase of a Bucket Truck
 - 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 1:30 p.m. Staff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Business Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended by the removal of Item **d) Transfer of Accounts**. The delinquent account submitted for approval was brought current by the customer.

Commissioner Womack moved, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion received unanimous approval.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

a) Minutes:

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

b) Vouchers:

Vouchers in the amount of \$2,417,016.04 were submitted for approval.

c) **Work Orders:**

Engineering work orders in the amount of \$133,970.00 were submitted for approval.

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

3. **Public Comment:**

Sheila Corson introduced Alex Paul, the Chronicle's new Co-Publisher, to the Board and staff.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

a) **NoaNet Request for Loan Guarantors**

NoaNet is developing a Resolution for members to sign, acting as loan guarantors for a proposed fiber route acquisition. NoaNet anticipates completion of the Resolution in ten to fourteen days.

5. **New Business:**

a) **Professional Service Agreement – Michael D. Howe**

General Manager John Grubich presented a Professional Service Agreement with Michael D. Howe for legal services provided to the District.

Commissioner Butler moved to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Legal Counsel Michael D. Howe. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, which received unanimous approval.

b) **Bid No. 351-08 for the Purchase of a Bucket Truck**

The 2007 budget included \$180,000 for the purchase of a 55' bucket truck. Due to new emissions control standards for diesels, bids received were over the amount budgeted. Altec was the only bidder meeting specifications, with a bid of \$199,426.00 plus tax.

Commissioner Womack moved to award Bid No. 351-08 to Altec for \$199,426 plus tax, and approve the corresponding budget increase of \$19,426. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Manager's Report:**

General Manager John Grubich and Power Resource Manager Ron Gadeberg discussed installation of a "mini" wireless node serving Aston Estates and surrounding areas not covered by the Coleman Butte tower.

7. **Other Business:**

No Other Business items were presented.

8. **Future Planning:**

Commissioner Bolz presented information from Verdant Power, a company that installs underwater turbans to generate power using tide flows and river currents. Commissioner Bolz is interested in a possible future study of in-stream turbans between Grand Coulee Dam and Chief Joseph Dam.

9. **Meetings:**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place June 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Okanogan.

III. Executive Session

The regular meeting was recessed and reconvened into executive session at 1:56 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel representing the District litigation or potential litigation to which the District, 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 District, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

It was expected the executive session would last approximately twenty minutes, with no action anticipated.

At 2:15 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 2:15 p.m.

Ernest J. Bolz, President

Trish Butler, Vice-President

ATTEST:

David Womack, Secretary