

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County**

**Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
May 31, 2005
3:00 p.m.**

Present:

Board: Ernest Bolz, David Womack, Donald Johnson
Staff: Chuck Berrie, Doug Adams, Don Coppock, Derek Miller, Jerry Day,
George Howe, Stacy Clough, Steve Brown, Julie Pyper
Public: Randall Kowalke - Consultant; John Andrist - NCI Data; Mike Brooks
- North Valley Internet; Chris Thew - Chronicle; Bill Swayze -
Community Net; Maria Converse & Jeff Hardy - Methow Net

Summary Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Award of PCB Testing Contract
3. Telecommunications Discussion
4. Adjournment

1. Call to Order:

President Bolz called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Award of PCB Testing Contract:

Director of Operations Doug Adams reported that Jaco Construction, Inc. was the responding vendor to Bid No. 317-05 for energized transformer oil sampling and testing. The District has 3,326 transformers in need of sampling and testing, and the 2005 budget includes \$250,000.00 for PCB testing of oil-filled equipment in inventory in the District's electrical system. Jaco's bid of \$250,000.00 includes unit prices of \$62.00 for inspection of transformers, \$73.50 for removal of oil samples and \$9.00 for testing and reporting of oil samples.

Commissioner Womack moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolz, to accept the recommendation of staff and award Bid No. 317-05 to Jaco Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for PCB content sampling and testing of the District's oil-filled equipment. Commissioner Johnson supported tabling the motion until the next meeting to allow time for further discussion, as he was in favor of testing transformers with PCBs but questioned whether a specialist was

needed for the inspection process. Upon the vote, the motion carried two to one with Commissioner Johnson opposed.

3. Telecommunications Discussion:

The Board developed a Telecom Mission Statement and Operating Philosophy, which will be approved by Resolution at the June 14, 2005 meeting.

A list of "Elements of Success" was drafted to assist with Telecommunications planning.

Manager Berrie reported that the District plans to begin advertising for a Telecommunications Manager. An addendum is being considered to the contract with NoaNet to include monitoring services for the District's network. Staff will be working with providers on a solution to route redundancy.

The next telecom workshop is scheduled for June 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD Auditorium.

4. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Ernest J. Bolz, President

ATTEST:

David A. Womack, Vice-President

Donald W. Johnson, Secretary