

**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of
Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County
Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
April 14, 2009
1:30 PM**

Present: Board: Trish Butler, David Womack, Ernest Bolz
Staff: John Grubich, Doug Adams, Ron Gadeberg,
Bruce Rawley, Steve Luchte, Tina DeLap
Legal: Michael Howe
Public: Sheila Corson - The Chronicle

Summary Agenda

- I. Call to Order, 1:30 p.m.
- II. Business Meeting
 - 1. Approval of Agenda
 - 2. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes of 3-24-09
 - b) Vouchers
 - c) Transfer of Accounts
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Unfinished Business
 - 5. New Business
 - a) Employee Service Awards
 - b) Enloe Dam Memorandum of Understanding
 - 6. Manager's Report
 - 7. Other Business
 - 8. Future Planning
 - 9. Meetings
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Commission President Trish Butler. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

II. Business Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Commission President Trish Butler noted there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, with no action anticipated.

Commissioner Womack moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bolz seconded the motion. Upon the vote, the motion received unanimous approval.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

a) Minutes

Minutes of the March 24, 2009 regular meeting were submitted for approval.

b) Vouchers

Vouchers in the amount of \$3,885,889.52 were submitted for approval.

c) Transfers of Accounts

A transfer of accounts in the amount of \$385.35 was submitted for approval.

Commissioner Bolz moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

3. **Public Comment:**

No public comments were offered.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business items were presented.

5. **New Business:**

a) **Employee Service Awards**

General Manager John Grubich introduced Oroville Lineman Bruce Rawley to the Board. Bruce started with the District as a Warehouseman in 2004. After completing the District's apprenticeship program, Bruce is now a Lineman Journeyman with the Oroville Crew.

Brewster Serviceman Steve Luchte was also introduced to the Board. Steve began his career with the District as a Journeyman Lineman in 1994. In 1998, Steve became the Serviceman in Brewster. It was noted that Luchte has the largest service area in terms of miles, encompassing Brewster, Twisp, Pateros, lower Methow Valley and parts of the southern Okanogan Valley.

b) **Enloe Dam Memorandum of Understanding**

General Manager John Grubich presented background information on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Colville Confederated Tribes. This MOU specifies conditions for a cooperative relationship between both entities for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project. The agreement has been approved by members of each organization for presentation to their governing bodies.

Commissioner Bolz entered a motion authorizing the Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Okanogan County PUD No. 1 and the Colville Confederated Tribes regarding Enloe Dam. Commissioner Womack offered a second to the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Manager's Report:**

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

- IT Supervisor Jerry Day & Telecom Network Engineer John MacDonald traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to research server and computer room configurations for the new headquarters building.
- Modifications are being made to headquarters building plans to relocate computer equipment rooms from the ground floor to the upper floor. This change enhances equipment security in the event of fire suppression system activation. Bids are expected to be delayed one week to accommodate these plan changes.
- A tour of Wells Dam is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Commissioners and staff will meet at the District headquarters building in Okanogan at 7:30 a.m., then return to Okanogan following the tour for the regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- Commissioners are invited to meet with Grubich, Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark, Senator Bob Morton and Representatives Joel Kretz and Shelly Short on Friday, April 17, 2009 at Representative Joel Kretz' office in Olympia.
- Wells Dam Power Purchasers met April 7th and 8th to discuss power needs prior to and after 2018.

7. **Other Business:**

No other business items were presented.

8. Future Planning:

No future planning items were presented.

9. Meetings:

Commissioner Bolz attended Strategic Planning meetings in Leavenworth March 27, 28 and 29, 2009. Bolz also traveled April 7th to attend a NoaNet meeting in Seattle and a legislative meeting in Olympia on April 8, 2009. Commissioner Bolz anticipates attending the Energy Northwest Strategic Planning meeting in Richland on April 21, 2009.

Commissioner Womack attended Strategic Planning meetings in Leavenworth March 27, 28 and 29, 2009 and a Conditional Use Permit hearing in Okanogan on April 8, 2009. Womack will be attending WPUDA meetings in Olympia April 15 – 17, 2009, and anticipates attending the Energy Northwest Strategic Planning meeting in Richland on April 21, 2009.

Commissioner Butler attended Strategic Planning meetings in Leavenworth March 27, 28 and 29, 2009 and the Conditional Use Permit hearing in Okanogan on April 8, 2009.

III. Executive Session:

The regular meeting was recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened into executive session at 2:00 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 fifteen minutes, with no action anticipated. At 2:10 p.m. the executive session was recessed and the regular session resumed.

IV. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Trish Butler, President

David Womack, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Ernest Bolz, Secretary