



**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County  
Okanogan PUD Auditorium  
1331 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, WA  
October 8th, 2018  
2:30 PM**

**Present:** Board: Jerry Asmussen, Scott Vejraska, Bill Colyar  
Staff: Steve Taylor, Don Coppock, Ron Gadeberg, Wendy Foth, Jeri Timm, Jerry Day, Janet Crossland, Allen Allie, Randy Bird  
Public: Kathleen Ann Herschstein, Ted E. Bear, Rick Gillespie, Tom Cloud, George Schneider, Paula M., Ashley Thrasher, Chris Ramisky, Joseph Enzensperger, Ken VanderStoep  
Other: Heidi Appel - General Counsel

**Summary Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Executive Session – 2:30 PM
- III. Business Meeting – 3:00 PM
  1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Review of Agenda
  3. Approval of Consent Agenda
    - a) Minutes of September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting
    - b) Vouchers
    - c) Transfer of Accounts
  4. Unfinished Business
    - a) PT Line - Kelpman/DR-Kelpman, LLC Just Compensation Settlement
  5. New Business
    - a) Enloe Discussion
    - b) BPA's Transmission Settlement Update
    - c) BPA Financial Policy Review
    - d) COPA Discussion
    - e) Open Budget Hearing
  6. Manager's Report
    - a) Administrative
    - b) Engineering
    - c) Financial
    - d) Power
    - e) Telecom
  7. Other Business
    - a) Public Meeting re: Washington State Initiative Measure No. 1631, the "Protect Washington Act"
  8. Public Comment

- 9. Future Planning
- 10. Meetings
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order**

Commission President Jerry Asmussen called the regular meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**II. Executive Session**

The regular meeting was recessed at 2:30 p.m. and immediately convened into executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the District current litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was expected to last 30 minutes, with no action anticipated.

The executive session recessed 2:30 p.m.

**III. Business Meeting**

President Asmussen reconvened the regular 3:00 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Review of Agenda:**

No Changes were made.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**a) Minutes**

The Minutes of the September 24, 2018 regular meeting submitted for approval.

**b) Vouchers**

The following Vouchers submitted for approval: 1680, 1681, 148473 through 148528 in the amount of, \$393,230.15 and vouchers 1682, 1683, 148529 through 148544 in the amount of, \$336,820.07 and 148545 through 148638 in the amount of, \$264,418.53.

**c) Transfer of Accounts**

Transfer of accounts totaling \$11,455.37 were submitted for approval.

Commissioner Vejraska moved, seconded by Commissioner Colyar, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**a) Kelpman/DR-Kelpman, LLC Just Compensation Settlement**

General Counsel Appel requested authorization for the General Manager and General Counsel to execute documents and pleadings as necessary to finalize

the just compensation settlement in the OKPUD v. Kelpman/DR-Kelpman case, Okanogan Cause No. 09-2-00679-4, for \$80,000.00.

Commissioner Colyar moved, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska to approve authorization of General Manager and General Counsel to execute documents and pleadings as necessary to finalize the just compensation settlement in the OKPUD v. Kelpman/DR-Kelpman case, Okanogan Cause No. 09-2-00679-4, for \$80,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. New Business:**

**a) Enloe Discussion**

General Manager Steve Taylor reported to the board that he had done extensive research and study on the processes the District has completed to decide whether to electrify or remove Enloe Dam. After his examination of all research and background history General Manager Taylor recommended to go forward with electrification of Enloe Dam.

**b) BPA's Transmission Settlement Update**

Director of Power Resources/Broadband, Ron Gadeberg reported to the board on the status of the BPA's Transmission Settlement. He has been attending meetings in Portland for TC-20 process, talking about new BPA tariff to come in line with proforma tariffs. There are two more meetings and the deadline is November 1st for a decision to be made.

**c) BPA Financial Policy Review**

Director of Power Resources/Broadband, Ron Gadeberg reported about BPA's Financial status and how it would affect the District.

**d) COPA Discussion - Resolution No. 1672 Suspending Decreases to the Cost of Power Adjustment**

General Manager Steve Taylor presented Resolution No. 1672, for freeze on COPA until a completion of the updated cost of service study and equity management plan is completed.

Commissioner Vejraska moved, seconded by Commissioner Colyar declaring its approval of Resolution No. 1672, suspending decreases to the cost of power adjustments until cost of service study and equity management plan is complete. Motion carried unanimously.

**e) Open Budget Hearing**

Director of Accounting & Finance, Don Coppock presented the budget calendar for the 2019 Budget hearings.

**f) Motion to authorize purchase of 2020 International JV613 Altec D3050B Line Truck**

Operations Manager Randy Bird presented motion for authorization of the General Manager to issue a PO for the design, build, and purchase of a new 2020 International HV613 Altec D3050B Line Truck.

Commissioner Vejraska moved, seconded by Commissioner Colyar, Authorizing General Manager Steve Taylor to issue a PO for the design, build, and purchase of a new 2020 International HV613 Altec D3050B Line Truck. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Manager's Report:**

### **a) Administrative Report**

General Manager Steve Taylor reported he and Construction Design Manager, Allen Allie met with Gebbers to introduce himself and discuss projects. Taylor also attended Public Power Council in Portland. General Manager Taylor and Ron Gadeberg also attended the Nespelem Co-op annual meeting.

### **b) Engineering**

Construction Design Manager Allen Allie reported that the Transmission on Omak Mountain was complete as of today.

### **c) Financial Report**

Director of Finance/Auditor, Don Coppock reported the State Auditor's Office will be at the District this week with an entrance meeting on Tuesday, October 9th @ 2:30 p.m. He also provided budget overview and customer statistical and financial report comparison for the month of August. Coppock also went over warrants for the month.

### **d) Power Report**

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Services Ron Gadeberg reported wholesale power sales for the month of September 2018 were \$107,070, which placed monthly sales \$74,509 over budget and year to date sales \$1,222,606 over budget. Retail sales for September 2018 totaled \$3,559,826, placing monthly sales \$407,437 under budget and year to date sales \$2,382,033 under budget. Combined wholesale and retail year-to-date sales are \$1,159,427 under budget.

### **e) Telecom Report**

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Services Ron Gadeberg reported the District has 2776 total wireless customers, including 1664 Wi-Fi, and 680 Cambium customers. No Motorola Canopy uses are left. Fiber customers total 432. Telecom billings on October 1, 2018 totaled \$262,364.80.

## **7. Other Business**

- a) Public Meeting re: Washington State Initiative Measure No. 1631, the "Protect Washington Act"

President Asmussen invited public comment regarding Initiative Measure No. 1631. Members of the public were afforded approximately equal amount of time for the expression of view for and against the Initiative.

Board Members discussed draft Resolution No. 1671 - A Resolution of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County, Washington ("The District or Okanogan PUD") opposing Washington state initiative measure No. 1631, *The Protect Washington Act*. The Resolution tabled until next board meeting.

## **8. Public Comment:**

**Paula Macrow** - Twisp, WA - Expressed her opinion on Enloe Dam.

**Tom Cloud** read letter from Karen Hardy.

**Joseph Enzensperger** - requested evening meetings and expressed his opinion

on Enloe Dam

**George Schneider** - expressed opinion on Enloe Dam

**Kathleen Hershine** - Carlton, WA - Express her opinion on Enloe Dam

**9. Future Planning:**

No Future Planning Discussed

**10. Meetings:**

Commissioner Colyar reported on his meeting with Hole in the Wall Ranch

Commissioner Vejraska - no meetings to report

Commissioner Asmussen - no meetings to report

**IV. Executive Session**

There was no executive session held.

**V. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Jerry Asmussen, President

ATTEST:

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William C. Colyar, Vice President

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Scott Vejraska