President Gott called a regular meeting of the Mason County PUD No. 3 board of commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the PUD 3 auditorium, at 2621 E. Johns Prairie Road in Shelton, Washington, on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

District officers present were: Commissioners, Thomas J. Farmer, Linda R. Gott and Bruce E. Jorgenson; Manager Annette Creekpaum; Treasurer Brian Taylor; and Attorney Robert Johnson. (Finance Manager/Auditor Sherry Speaks was absent).

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: Director of Business Services John Bennett; Energy Services and Community Relations Manager, Justin Holgrove; Public Information & Government Relations Manager Joel Myer; Power Supply Manager Michele Patterson; Interim Power Supply Manager Pat McGary; Director of Engineering Terry Peterson; Records Coordinator Jennifer Renecker; and Administration and Communication Services Manager Lynn Eaton (recorded minutes).

One member of the public in attendance was Dedrick Allen of Mason Web TV.

**MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Gott reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda. Mr. Jorgenson moved, motion seconded by Mr. Farmer, to adopt the consent agenda. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

a. Minutes of the February 09, 2016 regular commission meeting.

b. Voucher Nos. (dated February 16, 2016) 135728 through 135850 (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 1851-2003.) — $3,664,607.38


TOTAL $4,087,162.87

d. Void accounts payable check for the week ending January 29, 2016, in the total amount of $226,385.66. Void accounts payable check for the week ending February 19, 2016, in the total amount of $1,565.46.

* Vouchers audited and certified by the district auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from the public.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Patterson went over the Power Situation Statement for January 2016 with commissioners. The total amount of purchased power for the month of January was 72,849 MWh which was 3.3 percent more power purchased from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) than January of 2015. She pointed out that January also had a significant increase in demand and load shaping, indicating customers were using more during the heavy load hours. Although the heating degree days shows a warmer January this year, the first part of the month was actually 25 percent colder than normal, followed by a warmer end of the month. These colder days and the BPA rate increase of 7.1 percent can attribute to the 19.3 percent increase in the cost of purchased power for January.

Mr. McGary and Ms. Patterson reported on their attendance at the BPA Focus 2028 meetings. The BPA will be addressing regional issues including aging infrastructure, hydro system, fish and wildlife and rates.

At Mrs. Creekpaum’s request, Mr. Myer gave a legislative report. He spoke about the upcoming cut-off and various bills he is following that if passed would have an impact on the utility.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported that PUD 3 will be participating in the Washington Public Utility Districts Association’s (WPUDA) legislative ‘day on the hill’ at the Capitol building in Olympia this week.

Mrs. Creekpaum also commended the efforts at the recent blood drive held in the PUD auditorium. Twenty donors participated helping save sixty lives.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**
Mr. Farmer reported his attendance at the WPUDA meetings last month and will be participating in the day on the hill. He also reported attending Public Power Council (PPC) meetings and the town hall meeting held at PUD 3 auditorium with Congressman Derek Kilmer.

Ms. Gott reported her attendance at the town hall meeting with Congressman Kilmer as well as her attendance at a legislative hearing regarding telecommunications.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioners reminded everyone of rescheduled meetings for March discussed at the February 23rd meeting. March 8 and March 22 meetings are canceled and reschedule for March 15 and March 29.

Following the calendar review and with no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Linda R. Gott, President

ATTEST: Bruce E. Jorgenson, Vice President

Thomas J. Farmer, Secretary