

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President Bruce Jorgenson called a special 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, May 2, 2017.

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

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: Director of Business Services John Bennett; Director of Business Operations Michelle Burleson; Communications & Community Relations Coordinator Asia Cline; Customer Service Manager Diane Hennessy; Engineering Services and Community Relations Manager Justin Holzgrove; Director of Engineering and Utility Services Dale Knutson; Engineering Project Manager Metering Specialist Koral Miller; Public Information & Government Relations Manager Joel Myer; and Administration and Communications Services Manager Lynn Eaton (recorded minutes).

Members of the public in attendance were: Bob Armanino of Shelton; Mrs. Clinton Anderson of Belfair; Gary Huard of Belfair; Randy Lewis of Shelton; Brianna Loper of *Shelton-Mason County Journal*; Robert Marotti of Allyn; Kathy McDowell *Shelton City Commissioner*; Colleen Walls of Belfair; and Conley Watson of Harstine Island.

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of the April 25, 2017, regular commission meeting.
- b. Voucher Nos. (dated May 2, 2017) 141625 through 141663 — \$ 435,587.28
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 7019-7028.)
TOTAL \$ 435,587.28
- c. Void accounts payable checks for the week ending April 28, 2017, in the total amount of \$139.23.

* 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Colleen Walls addressed the commission to express her opposition to the installation of new advanced meters and to the \$50.00 per month opt-out fee for advanced metering. She also made a formal request to the commission to remove the \$50.00 opt-out fee from the fee schedule.

Conley Watson said he was in attendance because he was interested in the April 13th vote on the substation capacity fee and bonding. He said he had a chance to speak with Mr. Myer prior to the meeting and is satisfied with the explanation.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation was made to adopt Resolution No. 1683, which is a “Resolution in Support of the Operation of the Columbia Generating Station, a Carbon-Free Source of Affordable Electricity.”

Mrs. Creekpauam explained that many utilities are passing similar resolutions in support of the carbon-free emitting resource as it is also the lowest cost and most reliable (non-hydro) resource.

Ms. Gott noted that the recommendation to adopt the resolution is part of Energy Northwest’s ongoing public outreach and education program about nuclear energy. She noted that most of the agency’s 27 members have passed similar resolutions.

Ms. Gott moved, Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1683, which is a “Resolution in Support of the Operation of the Columbia Generating Station, a Carbon-Free Source of Affordable Electricity.” THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Speaks reviewed the status of the budget as of April 30, 2017, with the commissioners. The month-end receipts for April were \$7.6 million, expenditures were \$5.96 million. Finishing the month with a positive budget balance of \$1.6 million for the month and \$2.4 million year to date. Mrs. Speaks noted that part of the positive budget balance can be attributed to the cold winter which was not expected.

Mr. Taylor gave the treasurer’s report of funds through April 2017. The opening cash balance for April was \$4.8 million and was \$6.6 million at month’s end. The total of all funds at month-end were \$34,754,661.33. Mr. Taylor pointed out that a new fund was created for the collection of the system capacity fee. He also noted that \$2.5 million was transferred into that account from reserves.

Mrs. Creekpauam reported that the District is currently experiencing an outage at Lake Cushman which began at 6:30 this morning. At her request, Mr. Holzgrove explained that a breaker opened due to a bird issue. He shared that due to the new tools from the NISC outage reporting software, out of 70 reports from customers, only 9 people called the office. The rest of the reports were through the SmartHub app or through the interactive voice response system (IVR).

At Mrs. Creekpauam’s request, Mr. Myer provided the commission with an update on the legislative session.

Mr. Myer also reported that there will be a planned outage on May 10th for customers fed from the Potlatch substation due to maintenance being performed by the Bonneville Power Administration.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ms. Gott reported her attendance at the Energy Northwest Meetings in Pasco.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

After a calendar review and with no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Eaton
Administration & Communication Services Manager