President Bruce Jorgenson 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, January 23, 2018.

District officers present were: Commissioners, Thomas J. Farmer, Linda R. Gott and Bruce E. Jorgenson; Manager Annette Creekpaum; Finance Manager/Treasurer Sherry Speaks; and Risk Manager/Auditor Brian Taylor (Attorney Robert Johnson was not present.)

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: Line Foreman Phil Arkin; Director of Business Operations Michelle Burleson; Communications & Community Relations Coordinator Asia Cline; Engineering Manager Tim DeVries; Assistant Public Information& Government Relations Manager Lynn Eaton; Customer Service Manager Diane Hennessy; Telecommunications & Community Relations Manager Justin Holzgrove; Director of Engineering and Utility Services Dale Knutson; Energy Resources Manager Michele Patterson; Systems Analyst II Ryan Smith; Administration Services Manager Mary Taylor (recorded minutes).

Members of the public in attendance were: Gary Huard of Belfair and Randy Lewis of Shelton

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda Ms. Gott 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 January 9, 2018 regular commission meeting.

b. Voucher Nos. (January 16, 2018) 144694 through 144782 $1,080,311.96
   (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 10148–10328

   c. Voucher Nos. (January 23, 2018) 144783 through 144841 $522,523.40
      (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 10329-10355
      TOTAL $1,602,835.36

   d. Void accounts payable checks for the week ending January 12, 2018, in the total amount of $3,060.27

   e. Void accounts payable checks for the week ending January 19, 2018, in the total amount of $1,308.38

* 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

Gary Huard expressed his opposition to the advanced meters and opt-out fees.

Randy Lewis expressed his approval of the grid modernization and advanced meter installations.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation was made to approve to ratify the April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023 Local 77 IBEW Union Agreement.

Mrs. Creekpaum explained that the contract is for five (5) years with years four (4) and five (5) available for possible changes by either party if notified not less than ninety (90) days prior to the April 1 effective date.

Mr. Farmer moved, motion seconded by Ms. Gott, to ratify the April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023 Local 77 IBEW Union Agreement. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Speaks reviewed the status of the budget as of December 31, 2017, with the commissioners. The month-end receipts for December were $6.1 million, expenditures were $6.2 million. Finishing the month with a negative budget balance of $89,000 for the month and positive $347,000 for the year end.

Mrs. Speaks then provided the treasurer’s report of funds through December 2017. The opening cash balance for December was $4.8 million and was $5.2 million at month’s end. The total of all funds at month-end were $34 million.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on the current legislature activities. The federal government’s three (3) day shutdown is over. Congress passed a measure keeping the doors open through February 8, 2018. This brief shut down did not affect operations at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Although it is a federal agency, it is fully self-funded and not affected by government shut down issues. The Washington State Senate currently has two bills of interest, carbon pricing, and broadband.

Mrs. Creekpaum stated that Mr. Myer will be testifying for PUD initiatives at the legislature.

Mrs. Creekpaum welcomed the new Engineering Manager, Tim DeVries.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

Ms. Gott reported that she, along with Mr. Jorgensen, attended the WPAG meeting in Tacoma on January 19. Ms. Gott stated that she will be attending the Energy Northwest meeting in Olympia this week which includes participation on the Energy Northwest CEO search committee on Friday.

Mr. Farmer reported that he attended WPUDA last week.
GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Taylor
Administration Services Manager