

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

President Bruce Jorgensen called a regular meeting to order on 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, April 24, 2018.

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

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: General Foreman Phillip Arkin; Director of Business Services John Bennett; Director of Business Operations Michelle Burleson; Communications & Community Relations Coordinator Asia Cline; Records Specialist Sarah Cooper; 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; Operations Manager Chris Miller; Public Information & Government Relations Manager Joel Myer; AMI Project Manager Scott Peterson; Customer Service Revenue Protection Supervisor Jennifer Renecker; Administration Services Manager Mary Taylor (recorded minutes).

Members of the public in attendance were: Dedrick Allan of *Mason Web TV*, Daniel Curylo of Shelton, Ben Eaton of Grapeview; Diane Eaton of Grapeview; Gary Huard of Belfair, Aric Irwin of Shelton; Paulette Lavender of Shelton; Randy Lewis of Shelton; Mark Miller of Shelton; Marina Ross of Belfair; Renee Taylor of Belfair; Colleen Walls of Belfair, and Steven Ward of Hoodspport.

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Jorgensen 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 9, 2018 commission workshop.
- b. Minutes of the April 10, 2018 public hearing and regular commission meeting.
- c. Voucher Nos. (April 17, 2018) 145739 through 145823 \$ 3,561,029.41
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 11600–11782)
- d. Voucher Nos. (April 24, 2018) 145824 through 145905 \$ 477,385.40
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 11783-11795)
- TOTAL \$ 4,038,414.81

* 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

Daniel Curylo introduced himself to commission and requested a meeting to discuss high density load (HDL) applications

Diane Eaton expressed her opposition to the advanced meters.

Colleen Walls expressed her opposition to the advance meters.

Steven Ward expressed his opposition to the advance meters

Mark Miller expressed his opposition to the advance meters.

Randy Lewis stated that he is pro advanced meter but feels the opt-out fees were miscalculated.

Marina Ross expressed her opposition to the advance meters.

Paulette Lavender explained her struggles as a low income customer paying her monthly utility bills and requested more be done to assist them.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation was made to Adopt Resolution No. 1708, A RESOLUTION “Modifying the Electrical Service Rules and Regulations and Fee Schedule A.”

Mrs. Creekpauam stated that a workshop and public hearing had been held reviewing all fees and changes to the fee schedule and potential program options for opt-out customers to reduce the fee. She recommended to approve proposal two (2) which would allow for meter reading every other month at a cost of \$25.00 per month. This Modification also provides for a correction in the current document, correcting the meter testing section to read six (6) years to recover costs due to a meter error. The current document reads six (6) months.

At Mrs. Creekpauam’s request, Mr. Myer clarified concerns and misinformation provided by the public regarding advanced meter installations.

Mr. Farmer moved, motion seconded by Ms. Gott, to approve Resolution No. 1708, A RESOLUTION “Modifying the Electrical Service Rules and Regulations and Fee Schedule A.” After a short discussion in which Mr. Jorgenson recommended an alternative allowing customers with digital non transmitting meters to pay a \$10.00 monthly fee for opting out of automated meter installation based on his empathy for customers that Mr. Farmer and Ms. Gott declined, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Resolution No. 1708.

Recommendation was made to Adopt Resolution No. 1709, A RESOLUTION “Revising the Public Records Disclosure Policy and Associated Fees” due to changes in state laws. Ms. Gott Moved, motion seconded by Mr. Farmer to approve Resolution No. 1709. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Speaks reviewed the status of the budget as of March 31, 2018, with the commissioners. The month-end receipts for February were \$7.3 million, expenditures were \$6.5 million. Finishing the month with a budget balance of \$788,000 for the month and \$1.5 million for the year to date. Mrs. Speaks then provided the treasurer’s report of funds through March 2018. The opening cash balance for March was \$4 million and was \$5 million at month’s end. The total of all funds at month-end were \$35 million.

Mrs. Creekpauam reported that all service applications are at 499 for the year which is up 36 applications from this time last year.

Mrs. Creekpauam said that the radio project is progressing. Staff is currently working on the specs of the project.

Mrs. Creekpauum stated that staff is working on high density loads (HDL) and the effects on the system. This will be a project over the next few months.

At Mrs. Creekpauum's request, Mr. Myer provided commission with a legislative update.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ms. Gott reported that she attended the WPUDA meeting in Skagit County.

Mr. Farmer reported that he also attended the WPUDA meeting in Skagit County.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Taylor
Administration Services Manager