

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting of May 27, 2008
PUD Auditorium**

Present:

Commissioners:

Merritt "Buz" Ketcham, President
Edward M. "Ned" Piper, Vice President

Mark McCrady, Secretary

Staff:

Brian Skeahan, General Manager
Don McMaster, Chief Operating Officer
Doug Wood, Director of IS
Royce Hagelstein, Dir. of Acctg. & Finance
Monte Roden, Director of Operations
Sandy Willman, Admin. Asst. to the General Mgr.
Diana MacDonald, Mgr. Environmental &
Regulatory Services

Pat Lloyd, Auditor
Gary Huhta, Director of Power Management
Steve Lafady, Human Resources Manager
Rick Syring, Director of Engineering
Dave Andrew, Mgr. Comm. & Govt. Affairs
Marilyn Miller, Treasurer/Risk Manager

Media:

Betty J. Wilson, KLTV

Public:

Wayne Purcell

Guest:

Ted Sprague, CEDC
Merry Swanberg, CEDC

Call to Order – Pursuant to published Notice, the regular meeting of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Commissioner Ketcham.

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2008 were approved as published.

Approval of Vouchers of \$15,568,569.60 – The Commission reviewed vouchers audited and certified by Auditor Pat Lloyd as required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090 for which warrants were issued on May 27, 2008, under provisions of Resolution No. 1421. Motion was made by Commissioner Piper to approve the vouchers and seconded by Commissioner McCrady. Motion carried. Warrants drawn to cover said vouchers are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher Nos.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Electric Revenue	05355 – 05504	\$14,962,131.23
Swift Revenue	02138 – 02142	104,860.49
Water Revenue	06517	70,000.00
Payroll	1737	431,577.88

Reports (Informational, Non-Action)

Ted Sprague, President of Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) – Gave an update on their current recruitment activities and the various trades shows they have participated in since January 2008. The Commission was pleased with the report and Commissioner McCrady stated six-month updates are sufficient.

Brian Skeahan, General Manager – Reported he recently attended a meeting at BPA regarding the Residential Exchange settlement. Industrial customers, Oregon Citizens Utility Board and Oregon Public Utility Commission also attended the meeting and presented some concepts for discussion. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled inclusive to these groups to further discuss and define the broad concepts conversed.

Staff / Director's Reports

Royce Hagelstein, Director of Accounting & Finance – Presented the April Board report and stated the Budget is at a great start for the year.

Gary Huhta, Director of Power Management – Presented the April Board report. He stated Nine Canyon and White Creek were strong resources and the regional snow pack and storage conditions are in good shape.

Board Reports

Commissioner Piper – Reported he attended the NWPPA Annual Conference and Membership meeting last week in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme of the conference was climate change and renewables.

Agenda Action Item

Resolution No. 2602:

A RESOLUTION of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, Establishing Finding of Special Market Conditions for the Procurement of Wind Turbine Generators for the Harvest Wind Project, Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing Direct Negotiation with Turbine Manufacturers.

General Manager Brian Skeahan reported the resolution is self-explanatory. The current wind turbine generators (WTG) market place is not conducive to competitive bidding requirements and the best way to obtain the highest quality WTG for the lowest price is through direct negotiations. Commissioner Piper moved to approve the resolution and seconded by Commissioner McCrady. Motion carried.

Travel Authorization No. T-241:

Travel Authorization for Board of Commissioners Ned Piper and Mark McCrady to attend the 2008 APPA National Conference scheduled for June 21 – 25, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Commissioner McCrady moved to authorize the travel and seconded by Commissioner Piper. Motion carried.

Motion:

That the Regular Commission Meeting of June 24, 2008 be cancelled in order for the Commissioners Ned Piper and Mark McCrady and the General Manager Brian Skeahan to attend the 2008 APPA National Conference scheduled for June 21 – 25, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Commissioner Piper moved to cancel the Regular Meeting and seconded by Commissioner McCrady. Motion carried.

Other Business – None

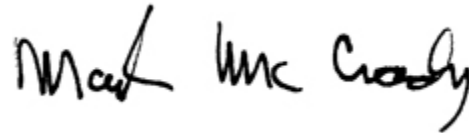
Comments:

From the General Public:

Customer Wayne Purcell attended the meeting to discuss the BPA refund and has also mailed a letter to the Accounting Department and Auditor.

Betty Wilson commented she would like to see the Commissioners names and positions on the agenda.

Adjournment – The next regular Board meeting of the Commission would be held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the PUD Auditorium. Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Secretary

Attest:

Excused by Motion

President



Vice President

Prepared by _____
Sandra Willman, Administrative Assistant to
the General Manager