

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009**

**PUD Auditorium**

**Present:**

**Commissioners:**

Edward "Ned" Piper, President

Mark McCrady, Vice President

**Staff:**

Brian Skeahan, General Manager

Pat Lloyd, Auditor

Don McMaster, Chief Operating Officer

Rick Syring, Director of Engineering

Royce Hagelstein, Director of Acctg. & Finance

Dan Eutsler, Account & Contract Manager

Heather Allen, Risk Manager

Monte Roden, Director of Operations

Sandy Willman, Executive Assistant

Paul Brachvogel, General Counsel

Diana MacDonald, Mgr. Environmental &  
Regulatory Services

**Public:**

John Searing

**Media:**

Betty Wilson, KYLK

Grant Sawyer

**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 Piper.

**Motion** – Commissioner McCrady moved to excuse Commissioner Ketcham from the day's proceedings and seconded by Commissioner Piper. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2009 were approved as published.

**Approval of Vouchers of \$3,344,363.38** – 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 September 8, 2009, under provisions of Resolution No. 1421. Motion was made by Commissioner McCrady to approve the vouchers and seconded by Commissioner Piper. Motion carried. Warrants drawn to cover said vouchers are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher Nos.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Electric Revenue	12432 – 12679	\$ 2,382,010.33
Swift Revenue	02306 – 02312	266,520.30
Payroll	1771 – 1772	695,832.75

**Reports (Informational, Non-Action)**

**Don McMaster, Chief Operating Officer** – Reported the budget reviews by departments have been concluded and the 2010 budget is being finalized. Several revised customer service policies will be presented for Board approval along with a rate increase proposal at the September 29 Board meeting.

The District has entered into an agreement with Clark Public Utilities to assume the role of providing power for nearly 70 Clark Public Utilities customers located southeast of Yale. The District

previously assumed the role of providing power for nineteen of these customers. A line extension has been engineered to enable us to serve the remaining 49 customers. The construction should be completed by November.

The first annual large customer meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14. The District's key customers and school district representatives have been invited to the event. Both of the District's BPA Account Representatives will be present to help facilitate the rates discussion and regional issues.

NERC recently changed some of the guidelines of determining how we assess our "critical assets." Engineering will be conducting some load flow studies to assist in making that determination. Brian mentioned that Public Generating Pool is getting engaged in this process.

**Brian Skeahan, General Manager** – Reported the Harvest Wind project is progressing well. Fifteen turbines have been erected. He also stated four biomass projects are currently interested in the local area.

#### Staff / Director's Reports

**Dan Eutsler, Account & Contract Manager** – Presented the August Board report for Customer Services.

**Monte Roden, Director of Operations and Rick Syring, Director of Engineering** – Presented the August 2009 Board reports.

**Board Reports and Discussion:** None

**Other Business:** None

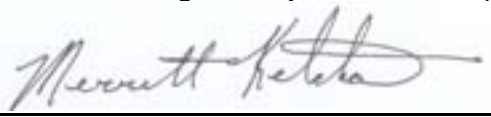
**Comments:**

**From the General Manager:** None

**From the Commissioners:** None

**From the Chief Operating Officer:** None


**Adjournment** – The next regular Board meeting of the Commission would be held Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the PUD Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

  
Secretary

Attest:

  
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President

President

  
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Vice President

Vice President

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra Willman, Clerk of the Board