

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

The Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 3 of Mason County, Washington met in a meeting in the PUD 3 boardroom at 307 W. Cota Street in Shelton, Washington on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

President Linda Gott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. District officers present were Commissioners Linda R. Gott, Thomas J. Farmer and Bruce E. Jorgenson; Manager Wyla Wood; Finance Manager/Auditor Annette Creekpaum; Treasurer Sherry Speaks; and Attorney Robert Johnson.

PUD 3 employees in attendance were: Power Supply Manager Jay Himlie; Administrative Assistant Lacy McIntosh; Senior Power Supply Analyst Matt Samuelson (arrived at 10:08 a.m.); and Assistant to the Manager Nancy Bolender (recorded minutes).

Members of the public in attendance were: Jeff Green of *The Shelton-Mason County Journal*; Dave Thacher of Shelton, Ron and Dawn Pannell of Shelton; Jack Krause of Shelton; and John Komen of Mason Lake (arrived at 10:07 a.m.).

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Gott reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda. Mr. Jorgenson 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 April 7, 2009, regular commission meeting.
- B.* Voucher Nos. 101028 through 101148 — \$ 858,773.25
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment number 228.)
- C. Write-off of closed, small balance accounts (\$92.39) and closed, deceased accounts (\$722.31) in the total amount of \$814.70.
- D. Contract Action:
(1) Award Bid M1-2009, Overhead Conductors and Underground Cables

Recommendation was made to award this bid to the low bidder for each item as shown below and accept the terms and conditions and exceptions statements from HD Supply Utilities LTD/Nexans, General Pacific, Inc./Nehring/Southwire Company and Hendrix Wire and Cable, Inc.

HD Supply Utilities, Inc./Nexans

<u>Bid Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price/1000 Feet</u>
1.	556.4 Covered Line Wire	\$ 902.00
2.	1/0 Covered Line Wire	234.00

General Pacific, Inc./Nehring/Southwire

<u>Bid Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price/1000 Feet</u>
3.	1/0 ACSR Bare	\$ 152.57
4.	4/0 ACSR Bare	\$ 104.74

Hendrix Wire and Cable, Inc.

<u>Bid Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price/1000 Feet</u>
5.	#2 str. 220 mil TRXLP URD Cable	\$ 982.26
6.	#2 str. 220 mil TRXLP URD cable in 1.5" duct	\$1392.30
9.	1/0 str. 220 mil TRXLP URD cable	\$1648.00
13.	500 Kcm 220 mil TRXLP URD cable	\$2603.10

* 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

Ms. Gott welcomed those present and asked for any comments at this time. She noted for the record that comments would be accepted throughout the commission meeting.

Mr. Thacher read a prepared statement voicing his opposition to the PUD potentially moving its administrative offices to the Johns Prairie property. He felt it would be an inconvenience to ratepayers; would affect downtown businesses; and thought the PUD should remodel and not tear down the buildings. (Note: There has been no discussion about tearing down any buildings. The PUD has discussed selling the facilities it would not occupy.)

Mrs. Pannell, who is also a city commissioner but was not speaking as a commissioner, said she supported Mr. Thacher's comments as she doesn't want to degrade the downtown core.

Mr. Krause also voiced his support of Mr. Thacher's comments and said he felt that with the current economic situation, now was not the time to consider building.

Mr. Komen stated now is not the time to spend money to support the public. He felt it would be a public relations disaster and commissioners could get voted out of office for supporting such a plan. He asked Mr. Jorgenson to share his thoughts with those present since he was the one who voted against proceeding with a schematic design for the property.

Mr. Jorgenson reiterated the statements he made at the April 7, 2009, regular commission meeting.

Ms. Gott thanked everyone for their comments and encouraged them to review the information posted to the PUD's website for clarification. She said no decisions would be made today and the board continues to look at various options.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Himlie reported that as part of the current contract with the Economic Development Council of Mason County, its executive director has been very beneficial in making contact with customers to provide conservation information and the utility's goals.

Mrs. Wood informed the commissioners that Intalco, an aluminum smelter in Whatcom County, is pushing the Bonneville Power Administration for cheaper power rates. She also pointed out that she had provided information on the Northwest River Partners poll showing Northwest voters value clean, reliable, renewable hydropower and the status of ESSB 5840 which would modify the Energy Independence Act if passed by the legislature.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Farmer reported that he had attended the NoaNet meeting on April 8th. He also had a meeting with representatives of the North Mason Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed Belfair Highway 3 widening project.

In addition, Mr. Farmer attended the Western Public Agencies Group (WPAG) meeting on Thursday April 9th and the EDC luncheon meeting on Friday (April 10th).

Mr. Jorgenson reported that he attended the Washington PUD Association board meetings Wednesday through Friday of last week. He also attended the WPAG meeting.

Ms. Gott gave a brief report on the NoaNet board meeting she attended on April 8. The NoaNet board is looking at grouping individual PUD telecommunications projects together to see if there is any stimulus money available.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Following a calendar review, and with no further business appearing, the regular meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Linda R. Gott, President

Bruce E. Jorgenson, Vice President

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Farmer, Secretary