

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
2:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: President Knowles called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm as advertised.

Jim Smith and Commissioner Miller attended the Klickitat County commissioners meeting today and updated the County on Klickitat PUD projects.

PRESENT: Randy L. Knowles- President, Dan G. Gunkel-Vice President (via phone), and Douglas B. Miller-Secretary.

STAFF PRESENT: Gwyn Miller-Director of HR & Business Services, Mike DeMott-Power Manager, Mark Pritchard- Operations Manager, Cynthia Bruce- Accounting Clerk, Eileen Kelsey-College Student, Nichole Lantau- Accountant, Kevin Ricks- Generation Assets and Special Projects Manager, Jeff Thayer- Materials Manager, and Luann Mata-Executive Assistant.

GUESTS: Larry Bakken

PLEDGE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

MINUTES: **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL: Presented by Cynthia Bruce and Eileen Kelsey. Vouchers were audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and all expense reimbursement claims presented were certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and were recorded on a listing made available to the Board this 10th day of July, 2018.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller to approve accounts payable vouchers and payroll in the amounts as listed:

- Accounts Payable Voucher numbers 113183 through 113303 in the total amount of \$1,587,154.71 and Wires, ACH and EFT numbers 8800976 through 8800982 in the total amount of \$169,611.29 for the period ending July 10, 2018; and
- Payroll Warrant number 43367 and ACH Direct Deposit Payroll transactions 9919820 through 9919898 in the total amount of \$178,647.66 for the payroll period ending June 24, 2018.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS:

Operations Update Report– Mark Pritchard provided an update on the ongoing incident investigation. The employee is doing fine and was released for full work duties. He stated that it was determined that the power line was properly isolated and grounded and the source of the electrical shock was a piece of testing equipment. The investigation is still in progress.

COMMISSIONER DAN GUNKEL – Commissioner Gunkel did not have a report at this time.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS MILLER - Commissioner Miller discussed a few of the recent articles in the Clearing Up publication. He also provided an update on the WPUDA

Water group meeting call. It does not appear that this issue will affect any of our water systems.

COMMISSIONER RANDY KNOWLES – Commissioner Knowles did not have a report at this time.

GENERAL MANAGER – The complete report can be found at:

http://www.klickitatpud.com/topicalMenu/commissioners/GM_Reports.aspx

In addition to the written report, Mr. Smith presented the following information:

1. RNG Project Update- Ron Schultz received a letter from Washington State Labor and Industries (L&I) on Friday. The letter stated concerns about required electrical equipment inspections. Staff has met with the independent engineer who was suggested by L&I, Dave Picatti. Staff is confident that with the information provided he can certify the equipment at the site as required by the state. L&I has also noted that we should have an inspection of the site including the repurposed existing equipment. Staff will work through this process but Kevin and Jim both agree with the L&I position and we do not expect delays because of it. Staff then requested that the board agree to allow staff to add Picatti Engineering and Services Inc. to our professional services rosters once they supply the required documentation.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Gunkel to approve Picatti Engineering and Services Inc. and agree to add them to our Professional Services Roster contingent upon receipt, review, and approval of the required qualifications as determined by staff and policy. Motion Carried.

2. Insurance Claims- Gwyn discussed the recent insurance claim pool bills and we are continuing to trend higher. June's bill was the highest we have seen. The group discussed and modeled scenarios and staff stated that we need to be prepared for possible changes in our premiums. We are also the only plan that is compliant with Affordable Care Act in the PURMs group. We had 3 worker's comp claims in the first quarter and 4 in the second quarter. Gwyn stressed we need to focus our efforts on building wellness programs.
3. Governor Inslee's letter of support for the Goldendale Energy Storage project- Jim focused on the fact that we have individuals who have made an effort to obtain support for the Goldendale Energy Storage Project by reaching out to the Governor. It is apparent they notice the potential of the benefit to our area and are willing to go out and talk about it. We need to make sure that we continue to encourage these dynamic discussions. We are hopeful the County Economic Development Department will support these roles to the extent they can as well.
4. News- Jim discussed some of the recently published articles regarding California's 100% clean energy bill on its way to the assembly floor. He also discussed his take on the Tesla storage options and their costs vs benefit. The article regarding the Columbia River Sea lion issue was also discussed.
5. RNG Certification- Lastly Jim mentioned that Mike has received all the information required to apply for the renewable fuel certifications once the plant is operational.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **BID AWARD- Sixprong Relay and Control Panels:** **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Miller to award the bid for the Sixprong Relay and Control Panels bid to Instrument Control Co. in the amount of \$68,862.00 plus applicable tax. Motion Carried.

