

COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia River PUD was called to order by President, Dave Baker, at the Deer Island District Office at 6:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Directors:

Dave Baker
Carol Everman
Darrel Purkerson
Richard Simpson
Loren Tarbell

Staff:

Kevin Owens
Rick Lugar
Steve Hursh
Valarie Koss
Connie Quick
Thad Roth
Brent Barclay

Consultants:

Public:

The following proceedings were had (all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated):

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes, August 16, 2005, Regular Meeting:** The Board took action to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2005 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.
2. **Financial Reports for August 2005:** The Board took action to accept the Financial Reports for August 2005 as presented.
3. **Accounts Payable for August 2005:** The Board took action to approve the Accounts Payable for August 2005 as presented.
4. **Outage Report for August 2005:** The Board took action to accept the Outage Report for August 2005 as presented.
5. **Write-Offs for September 2005:** After some discussion, the Board took action to approve the Write Off list for September 2005 as presented.

6. **BPA CRAC Adjustment:** R. Lugar reported that the final numbers for CRAC 9 were slightly lower, however with the under and over collections to date he recommended that no additional action be taken as the Board took action to lower the CRAC adjustment at the August meeting to \$0.0042/kWh BPA CRAC on all bills rendered on or after October 1, 2005.
7. **2006 Budget Schedule and Advisory Committee Appointments:** R. Lugar reviewed the 2006 Budget Schedule and Advisory Committee Appointments with the Board. He advised that he would present the Committee Appointments for adoption at the October Board meeting.
8. **Annual Line Materials:** S. Hursh advised that the market is unpredictable on metal prices but he would like to go out for bids to test the market. He also advised that staff is reviewing inventory to make sure that there is adequate inventory on hand due to recent weather events and the onset of winter. The Board took action to authorize staff to solicit bids for line construction material with a bid opening date on December 8, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. prevailing time.
9. **Director Candidate Ordinance:** D. Baker offered the first reading for Ordinance 05-4 indicated that the Ordinance Excluding Employees from District Board of Directors would be presented for adoption at the October 2005 Board Meeting.
10. **Grid West/TIG Discussion:** K. Owens advised that NRU entered the initial RTO process with a list of “Must Haves” and that list has not changed through the transition from RTO to Grid West to TIG. He indicated that the list of must haves have been addressed in the Grid West document and that NRU is solution oriented and is recommending that Grid West and TIG strong points be merged if possible. K. Owens indicated that he will continue to participate in the process going forward.
11. **“27 in 07” Initiative:** K. Owens advised that he is presenting the information to the Board for their information. Discussion occurred. No action was taken.
12. **Sale of ISP Business Line:** B. Barclay provided the Board with a summary of the Sale of the ISP Business Line that occurred on May 5, 2005. He advised that coordination, cooperation and final transfer of the customers to opus went very well. K. Owens expressed his appreciation to B. Barclay for undertaking the effort.
13. **Public Comment:** Don Rentenaar from the McNulty Water PUD indicated that he was attending the CRPUD Board meeting to observe how the CRPUD Board conducted their meetings. Discussion occurred.
14. **Board Report:** L. Tarbell advised that based on the meeting he attended with K. Owens and the BPA representatives on Grid West/TIG he is very supportive of the efforts of NRU to work with the two groups to see if there is a way to merge strongest points from each proposal into one concept.

D. Baker reminded the Board of the Spaghetti Feed on October 4, 2005.

15. Staff Report: K. Owens reported that R. Lugar was able to confirm that the PUD continues to provide residential rates 23% less than PGE. \$2.7 million per year is staying in the County as a result of the PUD serving the southern part of Columbia County.

R. Lugar advised that IRS had made a mid-year IRS increase in mileage reimbursement. R. Lugar reported that the meter reading position has been eliminated and that a second customer field representative position had been added.

S. Hursh reported that the low bidder for the St. Helens Substation Oil Containment project confirmed their understanding of the project and that the PUD would be proceeding with signing contracts with E.C. as they represented the lowest net cost to the company.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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By _____
Valarie L. Koss