

COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia River PUD was called to order by President, Carol Everman, 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
Thad Roth
Brent Barclay
Libby Amerman

Consultants:

Public:

John Hairston, BPA
Don Godard OPUDA

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, June 20 2006, Regular Meeting:** The Board took action to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2006 Regular Board Meeting.
Minutes, June 27, 2006 Special Meeting: The Board took action to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2006 Special Meeting.
Minutes July 11, 2006, Special Meeting: The Board took action to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Special Meeting.
2. **Financial Reports for June 2006:** R. Lugar reported that net margins are strong due to increased sales. The Board took action to accept the Financial Reports for June 2006 as presented.
3. **Accounts Payable for June 2006:** The Board took action to approve the Accounts Payable for June 2006 as presented.

4. **Outage Report for June 2006:** The Board took action to accept the Outage Report for June 2006 as presented.
5. **Write-Offs for July 2006:** After some discussion, the Board took action to accept the Write Off list for July 2006 as presented.
6. **2006 C&R D Certification:** B. Barclay advised that the activity on the C&RD credit would conclude this month and that this staff had effectively managed the program and timing to coincide with the conclusion of the current contract. He indicated that the PUD would be entering into a new contract with Bonneville for continued conservation projects. The Board commended staff for their management of the program and the positive results it had achieved for the PUD customers.
7. **2006 Cost of Service Study:** Discussion occurred on the cost of service study and options for rate design. K. Owens advised that any changes made to the rate design would be equitable to all customers within the rate class. R. Lugar advised that the BPA 2007 wholesale rates were lower than anticipated and the new rate information would be incorporated into the Cost of Service Study.
8. **Call for Public Hearing:** The Board took action to call for a Public Hearing on Rates on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The president advised that there would not be an August Board meeting.
9. **Healthcare Plan Audit:** V. Koss reviewed the audit results with the Board. She advised that the audit revealed that a number of unauthorized changes were made to the Healthcare Plan. The Board took action to direct staff to undertake a complete review of each undocumented and/or unauthorized change; remove or add to the Healthcare Plan following the consultation with the Benefits Consultants using industry standards for levels of benefits, caps and limits for similar healthcare plans; and implement the changes as soon as practical after providing notice to staff with the effective date of the changes being no later than January 1, 2007.
10. **Customer Benchmark Survey:** T. Roth reviewed the results of the customer survey with the Board. Compliments were given to the staff from management and the Board for the high marks in customer service.
11. **BPA Regional Dialogue:** The Board welcomed John Hairston from BPA. J. Hairston advised he was participating in BPA's Executive Development Program and would be on site at the PUD for three weeks to understand the operation and needs of a BPA Full Requirements Customer. J. Hairston presented BPA's Regional Dialogue to the Board. He indicated that the comment period would close in September. Some discussion occurred.
12. **OPUDA:** D. Godard reviewed the current issues OPUDA is working on with the Board. They include: Telecomm, Net Metering/Interconnection, Pole Attachments, and the Oregon Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS).

13. Public Comment: None

14. Board Report: The Board reported on the OPUDA Meeting. D. Purkerson advised that the By-Law meeting had been rescheduled and that the Budget Committee would meet on August 17th.

15. Staff Report: V. Koss reported that EWEB had settled their strike. T. Roth reminded the Board of the Fair activities and welcomed them to join staff at the events. D. Baker agreed to assist the COMMIT Team in purchasing the beef for the Senior Center from the 4-H group at the Fair.

16. Executive Session: There was no executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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By _____
Valarie L. Koss