

COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2009

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

Directors:

David Baker
Carol Everman
Darrel Purkerson
Richard Simpson
Loren Tarbell

Staff:

Kevin Owens
Rick Lugar
Steve Hursh
Valarie Koss
Tim Lammers

Consultants:

Public:

None

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 Hearing 2010 Operating and Capital Budget:

Darrel Purkerson opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Comments: R. Lugar provided an overview of the 2010 Budget and recommendation to the Board.

Public Testimony/Comments/ Questions: None

D. Purkerson closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Board Deliberation: D. Purkerson thanked the Advisory Committee for participating in the Budget Meetings and asked Staff to extend the Board's thanks and appreciation for their participation and thoughtful questions. The Board extended their thanks to Staff for their work in preparation of the Budget documents. D. Purkerson advised that Board deliberation would continue under the main action item.

K. Owens echoed his thanks to the Advisory Committee, Board and Staff.

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

1. **Wage & Salary Adjustment/COLA Increase:** The Board took action to authorize a wage adjustment of 3% for all ranges in the Wage & Salary Schedule effective date of February 1, 2010.
2. **2010 Operating and Capital Budget:** The Board declared a conflict of interest prior to discussion and adoption of the 2010 Operating and Capital Budget. The

Board reviewed the staff summary presented. The Board took action to adopt the 2010 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.

3. **Minutes, November 17, 2009, Regular Meeting:** The Board took action to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted.
Minutes, November 24, 2009 Special Meeting Budget Advisory Committee: The Board took action to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Budget Advisory Committee as presented.
4. **Financial Reports for November 2009:** The Board took action to accept the Financial Reports for November 2009 as presented.
5. **Accounts Payable for November 2009:** The Board took action to approve the Accounts Payable for November 2009 as presented.
6. **Outage Report for November 2009:** The Board took action to accept the Outage Report for November 2009 as presented.
7. **Write-Offs for December 2009:** The Board commended staff on their ability to work with customers to keep Write-Offs down. R. Lugar reported that #4, 8 and 11 had paid. After some discussion, the Board took action to approve the Write Off list for December 2009 as presented.
8. **Award Bid – 2010 Line Construction Materials:** S .Hursh reviewed the results of the annual bid for line construction materials and indicated that the bid does not include poles, overhead and underground cable, transformers, aluminum streetlights poles, meters or other specialty items. The Board took action to award the bid for 2010 Line Construction Material for individual items to each vendor as follows: HD Supply in the amount of \$5,904.62; General Pacific in the amount of \$15,568.38; WESCO in the amount of \$66,598.44; and Platt Electric in the amount of \$9,009.25 as it represents the lowest cost to the District.
9. **Authorize Contract Extension – Pole Inspection Contract:** S. Hursh advised that Osmose Utilities Services had inspected 1,000 poles in 2009 and that they were willing to guarantee the same unit pricing for 2010. Discussion occurred. The Board took action to authorize staff to extend the pole inspection contract with Osmose Utilities Services, using the same unit prices, to test and treat poles in 2010 with a total project cost not to exceed \$80,000.
10. **Surplus Property Declaration – Vehicles:** The Board took action to declare the 1996 Buick Century, 1999 Ford F550, 2001 Ford F550, 1996 Equipment Trailer and 2009 Ford Crown Victoria surplus in accordance with the Surplus Property Policy and authorize the General Manager to offer them to local governments and non-profit organizations – with a minimum bid of \$17,000 for the Crown Victoria, and

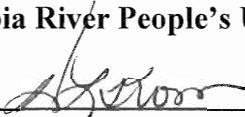
dispose of the surplus items in a manner that is best suited to meet the District's mission statement.

11. **BPA Agreement Tarbell Tap Line:** The Board took action to authorize the General Manager to enter into a new Use of Facilities Agreement with BPA for the Tarbell Tap Line at \$2,735 a month for ten years.
12. **OPUDA:** K. Owens advised that the Legislative Committee was meeting regularly in preparation for the 2010 Legislation Session.
- 12a. **Customer Assistance Committee:** C. Everman provided the Board with an overview of an issue brought to the Customer Assistance Committee by Dan Maloney. She advised the committee had not been able to reach agreement and requested the Board review the matter. After discussion, the Board directed staff notify Mr. Maloney they had reviewed his request and that they would not deviate from PUD Policy.
- 12b. **Purchase and Sale of Fairgrounds Property:** The Board took action to authorize C. Everman to sign documents as necessary for the purchase of the Fairgrounds property following their review by legal counsel.
13. **Public Comment:** None.
14. **Board Report:** None.
15. **Staff Report:** T. Lammers reported on the PUD's participation in community events in December. S. Hursh reported on development activity in the service territory. T. Lammers provided an update on facilities. K. Owens provided an update on NRU LLC activity.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Valarie L. Koss