

**WORKSHOP NOTES OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF KITTITAS COUNTY PUD #1
JANUARY 30, 2018**

The workshop of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Kittitas County was called to order by President Shan Rowbotham at 10:00 AM

Those Present:

Shan Rowbotham, President
Paul Rogers, Vice President
Joe O’Leary, Secretary
Matt Boast, General Manager
Genine Pratt, Finance Manager
Kelly Carlson, Admin

GUESTS:

None

GUEST COMMENTS: No Comments

DISCUSSION:

Vehicle Replacement Plan:

GM Boast presented a draft vehicle replacement plan to the Commissioners for review and comment. He stated that he had researched what other utilities had used and found that Cowlitz and Pend Orielle were the most useful. There was continued discussion on the fleet spread sheet. Commissioners requested staff bring this topic to the next agenda for consideration.

Social Security Vote:

The IBEW letters were dispersed to the Commissioners regarding the social security vote coming up February 8, 2018. Employees can either mail in their ballots themselves or the office staff can mail for them. They are due February 28.

Commissioners asked if the vote passes when would the change take effect. Staff stated March 1, 2018. There was continued discussion on the impacts of this date.

Commissioner Rogers suggested staff refer to legal on plan requirements if there is a “yes” vote.

Rate Design:

GM Boast presented some spreadsheets for review and discussion followed:

- Approved budget numbers were used
- Overall rate increase of 5% showing for discussion
- Discussion on different ways to implement the rate increase and how it will affect different customers.

GM Boast stated that after an in depth study he is recommending a 4.68% overall rate increase. He then proceeded to go through each rate class and explain the calculations.

Commissioner Rogers stated that he is not sure he can get behind a 5% increase. He would maybe look at a 2%-3% increase. Commissioner Rowbotham commented that we need to be somewhere between 3.5% and 4.6% to break even. There was some discussion on the base rate and if that should be increased.

Commissioner Rowbotham stated that the rate designs are good and that we need to stick with the 3.6% and work with it. Commissioner O'Leary stated that he would like to see a 3.8% increase but would consider a 3.6%.


Commissioners requested staff to go with a 3.6% overall rate increase, and basic rate design with a focus on facility charge.

Adjourned at 12:00 PM

ATTEST:



Shan Rowbotham, President


Joe O'Leary, Secretary
Paul Rogers, Vice President