

**WORKSHOP NOTES OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF KITTITAS COUNTY PUD #1  
December 29, 2015**

The workshop of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District #1 of Kittitas County was called to order by President Roger Sparks at 10:00 A.M.

Those Present:

Rogers Sparks, President  
Shan Rowbotham, Vice President  
Matt Boast, General Manager (GM)  
Brian Vosburgh, Operations Manager (OM)  
Genine Pratt, Finance Manager (FM)  
Danae Cramer, Customer Service (CS)  
Kelly Carlson, Admin Assistant

**GUESTS:** None

**GUEST COMMENTS:** No Comments

**DISCUSSION:**

**Irrigation Rates Public Hearing:**

Commissioner Sparks opened the public hearing to discuss the modification of the existing and creation of the irrigation rate structure.

Commissioner Rowbotham reported that he had reached out to the Teanaway customers and KRD to provide information and they all seemed to be ok with the proposed changes. He also stated that although the proposed changes have been communicated well there will still be a small group that may not approve.

GM Boast then presented a handout that included information on the small and large pump rate schedule breakdowns and proceeded to go over with the Board. It included what the revenue impacts will be with the proposed changes. He then explained that since these charges will be based off of demand/usage that the PUD will need to install 15 new meters on accounts that do not have demand meters. He stated there are 59 accounts without demand meters but due to the reclassification of pumps only 15 will need to be installed.

Commissioner Rogers expressed his concern over the revenue shortfall and possible impacts to our customers. Danae Cramer stated that most of the complaints come from the small irrigation accounts.

Commissioner Rowbotham requested staff to prepare a letter for our irrigation customers that includes the process that was followed and notification of new rates if this is passed today.

GM Boast stated that in the resolution he made the new rates effective February 1, 2016, and will add language repealing old rate schedule.

Commissioner Sparks then closed the public hearing at 10:30 a.m.

*Commissioner then proceeded to discuss a few "no action" items from the afternoon's agenda.*

**Taylor Bridge Fire:**

GM Boast stated that the PUD's expense for this fire was \$550k and a settlement was received in the amount of \$318k (net).

**Line Safety & Fire Dangers:**

Commissioner Sparks requested this discussion be on the agenda. There was discussion on the Klickitat PUD vs Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) \$65 million lawsuit that is going on. GM Boast stated that Pend Oreille seems to have a good handle on their tree trimming program so Commissioner Rowbotham suggested staff get a copy of their policy. Discussion followed on exposure and liability of the district and what could be done in the future to reduce our risk with our tree trimming.

**WSDOT Offices Moving:**

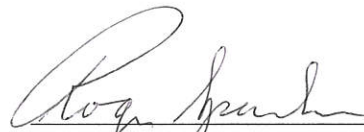
Commissioner Rowbotham reported that WSDOT offices on University Way are planning to move to Bowers Industrial area in the next couple of years and wondered if their current location may be a possibility for the PUD. He was just letting everyone know this was happening and that a feasibility study would need to be done to be sure it would be cost efficient compared to remodeling our existing facility.

**M6-7 Earthquake Discussion:**

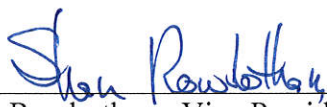
Commissioner Sparks requested this discussion be on the agenda. He wanted to discuss how our equipment, specifically transformers would hold up if an earthquake happened. There was further discussion on how our transformers are installed. Commissioner Rowbotham asked if Gm Boast will be participating in the Cascadia Rising exercise, and he stated that the date of the exercise is still yet to be determined and not sure what the involvement will entail but will keep updated.

**Adjourned at 11:45 AM**

ATTEST:

  
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Roger Sparks, President

  
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Paul Rogers, Secretary

  
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Shan Rowbotham, Vice President