

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (STUDY SESSION) OF THE COMMISSION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

April 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the office of the District, 327 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington, on April 12, 2010, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Commissioners present were Dennis Bolz, Randy Smith, Carnan Bergren, Norm Gutzwiler and Ann Congdon. In attendance were General Manager Rich Riazzi, General Counsel Carol Wardell and Clerk of the Board Sheila Salmon. Various staff members were also in attendance.

Others in attendance: Christine Pratt (Wenatchee World).

Line Foreman Mark Churchman led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a safety minute on work zone safety.

Commissioner Smith reported on a strategic planning sub-committee team meeting (Strategic Communication) that he and Commissioner Gutzwiler attended on April 7, 2010. He shared the team charter with the other three Commissioners: 1) to develop a public engagement plan to ensure that a broad spectrum of stakeholders have an opportunity for input – with the desired outcome of ultimately earning stakeholder support and understanding of the District's strategic plan and operations; and 2) to develop a communications approach that shifts the culture and stakeholder views of the District – with the desired outcome of earning trust through actions, transparent communications and stakeholder engagement. Additional meetings will be held in April and May to set team objectives and strategies. General Manager Rich Riazzi added that listening to stakeholders (customer-owners) and engaging in two-way dialogue is an important part of the strategic planning process. He said engagement with a broad spectrum of stakeholders will help us maintain a high level of transparency and create sustainable long-term policies supported by customer-owners.

General Manager Rich Riazzi introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-13541 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TASK AUTHORIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 10-097) WITH STRATEGIES 360, INC. OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON FOR ASSISTANCE IN FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Director of External Affairs Jeff Smith stated that the District currently consults with Strategies 360 for federal and state government relations support. Services described in Task Authorization No. 1, State and Federal Governmental Relations authorizes Strategies 360 to continue to support the District in satisfying legislative and public policy objectives. Managing Director of External

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Affairs Gregg Carrington stated that staff has identified consulting support needs for the implementation of an internal and external communication planning throughout the District's Strategic Planning Process. Task Authorization No. 2, Public Engagement: Research and Communication, authorizes support to be provided to District staff and Board as a strategic public engagement plan is developed. Task Authorization No. 3, Strategic Planning Support, authorizes the services to assist the District in implementing its plans to get input from its customer-owners, Commissioners, employees, and members of the business community. Manager Carrington added that it was Strategies 360 and their sub-contractor that administered the customer survey in the fall of 2009.

Commissioner Bergren stated that he agreed that Strategies 360 should continue as staff support on Task Authorization No. 1 for items related to State and Federal Governmental Relations. He questioned the quality of information that was provided by the customer survey and spoke in concern of authorizing Strategies 360 to perform Task Authorization Nos. 2 and 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutzwiler, seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed adopting Resolution No. 10-13541, which is on file in the offices of the District. Commissioner Bergren opposed the resolution.

Next, Director of Shared Services Steve Currit returned to the Commission as requested to discuss the District's Dock Policy and suspension of dock permit processing on District land on Lake Chelan which was approved by motion on March 15, 2010. He noted that the District owns 2% of the land within Lake Chelan area and 7% within the Rocky Reach reservoir. Commissioner Congdon stated after further review she is satisfied with the Dock Policy as it stands and with staff's review process to determine contract terms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to reinstate Resolution 08-13329 and authorize staff to act in accordance with the District's Dock Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergren and carried with President Bolz voting in favor of the motion.


General Counsel Carol Wardell mentioned that three or more Commissioners will be attending the Washington Public Utility District Association Meetings on April 15 and 16, 2010 in Olympia, Washington. According to RCW 42.030.070 and past discussions with the state auditor, it is not necessary to declare and notice the meetings as public meetings as Commissioners will not be discussing District business or making any decisions.

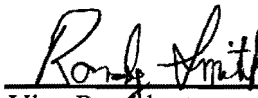
Commissioner Smith reported on a tour taken with District line crews.

Commissioners discussed continuing the Monday, April 19, 2010 meeting to Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of a Board Retreat; the location to be determined.

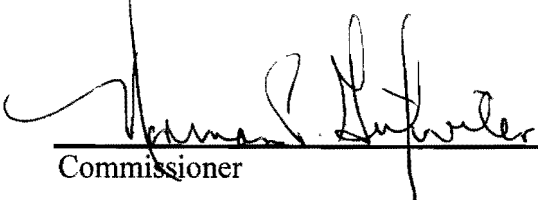
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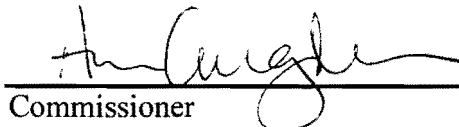
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

  
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