

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

July 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Commissioner Paul Kenner. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law. Those present included Commissioner Jeff McClure and Legal Counsel Jon Sitkin. Staff: Steve Jilk, General Manager; Ann Grimm, Administrative Assistant; Brian Walters, Assistant General Manager; Rebecca Schlotterback, Manager of Contracts and Regulatory Compliance; Duane Holden, Director of Utility Operations, Jon Littlefield, Electric Systems Supervisor; Annette Smith, Director of Finance; Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Tech; and Traci Irvine, Accountant I.

Public attending: Carole and Max Perry, Citizens
Dave Olson, Citizen

◆ **Public Comment**

Carole Perry said they attended the Bellingham City Council meeting last night. Discussion was on the new Whatcom County Jail and the majority of the public comment, according to Perry was against voting for the new jail and those who commented were of the student population. Perry said she doubted the students were aware of the some 20 years of studies that were undertaken on building a new facility. The Council ended up voting in favor of the new jail and the County Executive commented that millions of dollars spent, due to a delay in the vote for a new jail, were a waste of time and energy, not to mention the terrible waste of revenue. Perry said it is difficult to see the hardship and seeing is believing – she and Max Perry toured the current jail and were appalled at the conditions. Perry said it is interesting to watch from a citizen’s point of view.

◆ **Approval of the Meeting Minutes and Claims**

The Commissioners were presented with the Minutes of the Meeting June 27, 2017 and the following Claims of July 11, 2017:

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
3-D CORPORATION	1,284.27
ASSOC EARTH SCIENCES, LLC	2,195.00
CESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	1,864.77
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	4,241.50
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	4,075.02
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	62.35
DISCOUNT FENCE	1,087.00
DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC	1,109.51
EAGLE-EYE AERIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC	1,400.00
EDGE ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES	1,724.00
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	299.10
FERNDALE CITY OF	187.89
FERNDALE LUBE	60.71
FERNDALE TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	3.62
FRONTIER	1,360.27
GENEVA CONSULTING	717.50
GLOBAL TELECOM ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION	2,332.75
HARDWARE SALES, INC	185.19
HD FOWLER CO, INC	238.57
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	90.00
HEWLETT PACKARD CO	8,984.06
IVOXY CONSULTING LLC	1,219.54
KCDA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE	165.65
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	10,558.33
MORTIMER, TOM	1,537.50
NORTH COAST ELECTRIC COMPANY	9,676.36
NORTHWEST MOWING & GARDENING	830.78
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	29.36

PROBUILD - OSO LUMBER	36.44
PUBLIC UTILITY RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	2,374.16
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	8,063.95
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	35,552.43
REISNER DISTRIBUTION, INC	1,110.78
RICOH USA	24.89
SPECIAL-T STRIPING & SIGN COMPANY	167.40
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	356.98
STAR RENTALS	138.27
STORAGE BATTERY SYSTEMS, LLC	22,424.81
STREMLER ENTERPRISES LLC	1,249.00
SURETY PEST CONTROL	119.58
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	399.00
TRUE GREEN LAWN SERVICE	1,793.55
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	315.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,534.87
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	2,853.65
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	9,747.90
WATERHOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP	16,430.98
WHATCOM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE	4,000.00
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,250.00
WILLANDS TECH-AUTO	155.01
XEROX CORPORATION	141.96
GRAND TOTAL	\$167,761.21

ACTION: Commissioner McClure motioned to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 27, 2017 and the CLAIMS OF JULY 11, 2017. Commissioner Kenner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Manager's Report**

Upcoming Symposiums

There are two upcoming symposiums relating to water/natural resources systems and water supply issues in which Commissioners will want to note on their schedules. The first event, "Baker to Bay Symposium" on September 20-21, 2017, will be held at the Ferndale Events Center. The keynote speaker for day one will be Jim Waldo, a water rights attorney out of Seattle. Day one will feature talks and discussion on community perspectives, challenges and solutions, and state of the ecosystem; Day two information will be shared on science, research and the application of knowledge that will help reconcile human and ecosystem needs and strategies for resource management and ecosystem recovery. More information is available at the Whatcom Watershed Information Network www.whatcomwin.org.

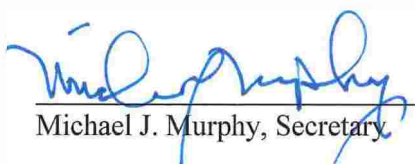
The second event is planned for early November (date TBD) and will focus on water supply issues and tentatively discuss the outcome of the Legislature on the Hirst and Foster cases. The planned keynote speaker is former Washington State Director of Department of Ecology, Jay Manning. More information including location and time is forthcoming.

◆ **Adjourn**

There being no further business for the regular meeting, the Commission adjourned the regular meeting at 8:12 a.m.



Paul D. Kenner, President



Michael J. Murphy, Secretary



Jeffrey L. McClure, Commissioner