

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

January 9, 2018

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 Mike Murphy. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law. Those present included Commissioner Paul Kenner and Legal Counsel Rich Davis. Staff: Steve Jilk, General Manager; Ann Grimm, Administrative Assistant; Rebecca Schlotterback, Manager of Contracts and Regulatory Compliance; Brian Walters, Assistant General Manager; Duane Holden, Director of Utility Operations, Annette Smith, Director of Finance; Paul Siegmund, Manager of Automation and Technology; Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Technician; Alec Strand, Project Manager; and Traci Irvine, Accountant I.

Public attending: Rich Maricle, Citizen  
Carole Perry, Citizen  
Max Perry, Citizen  
Dave Olson, Citizen

## ◆ Public Comment

Carole Perry had a question regarding the hearing for the new Hirst bill at the Senate level. She noted that an attorney, Bill Clarke, was testifying on behalf of the Association of Washington Realtors (AWR) and the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA). Perry wanted to know how one person could represent two different entities. Jilk replied that Mr. Clarke represents the WPUDA on water issues and has done so for over 20 years; and he has also represented the AWR as Clarke contracts with several different associations and groups. Perry also mentioned one county (Kitsap), whose water supply is totally dependent upon ground water sources and how it is being affected by the Hirst case. Jilk said Kitsap PUD is a leader in managing/taking over water districts and associations that need assistance or are unable to function on their own. This is also the case with Thurston County PUD, who has recently acquired several, eighty Group B water associations. Unfortunately, the state does not have the ability to assist smaller associations so PUD's step up to assist.

## ◆ Approval of the Meeting Minutes and Claims

The Commissioners were presented with the Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2017 and the following Claims of January 9, 2018:

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
3-D CORPORATION	284.27
AIR COMPRESSOR SERVICE	142.86
AMAZON BUSINESS	316.78
APPLIED DIGITAL IMAGING	126.09
BAY CITY SUPPLY	310.52
CARL'S MOWER & SAW, INC	10.61
CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY	69.95
GESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	79.05
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	7,884.46
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	6,642.00
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	148.38
FASTENAL	55.78
FEDERAL EXPRESS	20.58
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	238.84
FERNDALE CITY OF	202.99
FERNDALE LUBE	54.24
FERNDALE TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	77.66
FRONTIER	1,364.46
GENEVA CONSULTING	1,750.00
HARDWARE SALES, INC	218.49
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	90.00
LITHTEX NW LLC	211.58
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	11,183.33
MINMAX	2,400.00
NATIONAL SAFETY, INC.	431.83
NORTH COAST ELECTRIC COMPANY	1,969.51
NORTHWEST CASCADE, INC.	112.50
NORTHWEST MOWING & GARDENING	514.54
ON-SITE TESTING	233.00
PACIFIC SURVEY & ENGINEERING	13,802.50
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	238.58
PORTAL WAY FARM & GARDEN	159.72
PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL	8,389.00

PUBLIC UTILITY RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	36,681.80
PUD #1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY	1,425.09
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	37,571.04
REISNER DISTRIBUTION, INC	532.01
RH2 ENGINEERING, INC	2,746.40
RICOH USA	354.98
SENSEALYZE PROCESS MEASUREMENTS	4,221.47
SHRED-IT USA	28.00
SOUND PUBLISHING	35.00
SPECIALTY ENGINEERING, INC	19,592.01
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	364.05
SURETY PEST CONTROL	59.79
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	396.00
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	571.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	10.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,460.81
WA ST DEPT TRANSP-NW REGION	108.65
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	2,762.40
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	9,747.90
WATERHOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP	17,079.27
WESTSIDE LUMBER	94.05
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,250.00
WILLANDS TECH-AUTO	615.84
YEAGER'S SPORTING GOODS	217.57
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197,659.55</b>

**ACTION:** Commissioner Kenner motioned to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 2017 and the CLAIMS OF JANUARY 9, 2018. Commissioner Murphy second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Approve Resolution No. 736 – Cancellation of Warrant**

Irvine said there was a data entry error by the County’s Finance Department for the Warrant and respective invoice that was received from Puget Sound Energy. An incorrect vendor number was entered which created a Warrant addressed to the wrong vendor. This is a request to cancel Warrant No. 1045710, dated December 21, 2017, in the amount of \$10,014.89, which has not been tendered. The County has since corrected the error and issued a new, corrected Warrant.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Kenner motioned to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 736 – CANCELLATION OF WARRANT. Commissioner Murphy second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Manager’s Report**

Legislature in Session

Jilk reported that the Legislature is back in session and he is monitoring several water related bills through the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA), Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC) and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). He noted it is interesting to track the Hirst bill as several agencies are beginning to pressure the Legislature to find a solution. From the AWC point of view, cities are beginning to make an impact on the Hirst legislation and the Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements to protect water resources.

Editorial Article from County Councilmember Sidhu

Jilk and the Commissioners received an editorial provided by Whatcom County Council’s office, written by Councilmember Sidhu on the topic of the current water issues related to the Hirst case. Commissioner Murphy said he thought the concept would be more of a burden and that the suggested resolution doesn’t seem to be cost effective. Jilk added that there many answers to solving the problems that the Hirst case decision has created; however, there is a difference between answers and solutions.

◆ **Adjourn**

There being no further business for the regular meeting, the Commission adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 a.m.

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Jeffrey L. McClure, President

  
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Paul D. Kenner, Secretary

  
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Michael Murphy, Commissioner