

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
EWEB BOARD ROOM
JUNE 5, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mel Menegat, Ron Farmer, and John Brown. Commissioner Patrick Lanning and Vice President John Simpson were excused.

Others present: Randy Berggren, Dick Varner, Tom Buckhouse, Debra Smith, Marty Douglass, Jim Wiley, Dick Helgeson, John Yanov, and Krista Hince of the EWEB staff; Ruth Atcherson, City of Eugene minutes recorder, and members of the public.

President Menegat convened the Regular Meeting of the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB). He noted that Commissioner Lanning and Vice President Simpson were excused.

AGENDA CHECK

President Menegat ascertained from his colleagues that there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

1. a. March 13, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. March 20, 2007, Work Session

Business Service Agreements

2. Cascade Corrosion Consulting Services, Inc. – Corrosion Consulting Services – Water Division -

Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Brown, moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, 3:0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Farmer related that Commissioner Lanning had requested to be relieved of his responsibility relative to the General Manager Replacement Committee. He suggested that President Menegat review the Commissioners' commitments to Boards, Commissions, and so on in order to ensure that the load was distributed evenly. He recommended that President Menegat seek a

volunteer to fill that post. He noted that he and Human Resources Manager Jean Meyers believed it was important to keep the process moving.

President Menegat indicated he would review the assignments and discuss them with the Commissioners. He said he would bring the results to the next meeting.

Commissioner Brown complimented General Manager Randy Berggren for his responsiveness to his questions and concerns from customers regarding the eventual closure of the steam plant and the proposed boat landing. Regarding the latter, he requested the exact wording of what EWEB was directed to do to the boat landing.

Commissioner Brown said Vice President Simpson was unable to attend the McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC) on June 14 and he was unable to stand in for him because of the joint meeting of the Police Commission and Civilian Review Board he had to be present for. He asked if Commissioner Farmer or President Menegat could serve as the alternate to the MWC in this instance.

President Menegat indicated that he would check his schedule. Commissioner Farmer was unavailable.

President Menegat thanked Mr. Berggren and staff for the opinion piece that had been published in *The Oregonian*.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Berggren reported that EWEB had been presented an award by the Arbor Society. He said staff would hang the banner in the atrium so that customers could see that EWEB did “pay attention to the trees.” He also shared the Reliable Public Power award that EWEB had received from the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Mr. Berggren reported the following items of correspondence:

- A memorandum was provided to the Board on the status of the Leaburg Boat Ramp project.
- Distribution Reliability Manager Dave Koski included a memorandum for the Board regarding the work undertaken in response to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) inspection.
- Copies of a study relative to EWEB’s pilot solar generation work were included in Board packets.

BOARD AGENDAS

Mr. Berggren highlighted the *Eugene Water & Electric Board Agenda Report* dated June 5, 2007. He noted the meeting in the first week of July had been cancelled.

PURPA STANDARDS REVIEW

Senior Rates/Financial Analyst John Yanov provided a power point presentation on the *PURPA Process & Review*. He said there would be a second presentation and public hearing on July 17. He explained that the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) process was accessible on the internet and had been open for public comment since the earlier staff presentation. He said there had been one phone call inquiring about PURPA and it had been positive, applauding EWEB's efforts to put forward net metering and the inter-connection standards. He reported that the public comment period would end with the second public hearing scheduled for July 17.

Mr. Yanov noted that the PURPA staff position was that EWEB should conduct an Integrated Resource Planning process every two years. He related that staff felt this was "a little heavy" given that at that pace it would mean once one process was completed another one would have to begin.

Commissioner Farmer asked if there would be any problem with the Board making a determination early in regard to the PURPA deadlines. Mr. Yanov replied that ultimately the Board was adopting a resolution and it could always go back and rescind what it had approved in order to revise it.

Mr. Berggren noted that PURPA required utilities to consider the items but did not require them to enact policies toward that end.

Mr. Yanov commented that EWEB was at the tail end of the process. He noted that several other utilities were done with it.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED PURPA STANDARDS

President Menegat opened the public hearing and reviewed the rules for testimony.

Michael Adams, an EWEB customer, said he was part of a group that was tentatively called "Launching the Solar Age." He said they were part of the Sustainable Business Initiative that had been conducted by the city. He stated that they had begun a working group that consisted of the solar installation companies around Eugene and other people involved with solar industries. He agreed with the recommendations that had been put together. Regarding 'smart metering,' he noted that one

of the reasons given for not having them was due to limited interest for applicability. He averred that from a solar standpoint they had the potential for being very useful by allowing the utility to charge a premium when peak use was occurring. He added that it also allowed the owners of solar panels to recoup their investment more quickly. He related that his group had a continued interest in net metering.

President Menegat closed the public hearing.

Mr. Yanov concluded by saying that this was a matter of policy and because of that if the Board had input or ideas about it they should let staff know.

Adjournment

President Menegat adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Assistant Secretary

President