

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CLALLAM COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 29, 2011 10:00 a.m.

A work session of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County was held at the Port Angeles Office, 2431 East Highway 101, on the above date and time.

Commissioners present: Hugh E. Simpson, Jr., President; W.E. Purser, Vice President; Hugh Haffner, Secretary

Staff present: Doug Nass, General Manager; Quimby Moon, Transmission & Substation Systems Manager; Mike Hill, Civil Engineer; Shawn Delplain, Network Administrator; Fred Mitchell, Power Supply & Utility Services Manager; Mike Howe, Executive Communications Coordinator

Others present: Greg Helwick; Debbie Earley; Patti Morris; Mike Doherty

The District conducted a workshop to discuss the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) projects. The discussion centered around the three projects in the Round 1 award, specifically; Sequim to Blyn, P.A. to Forks, and P.A. to Neah Bay. Staff described the projects as "middle mile" broadband infrastructure builds and highlighted some of the differences between these projects and Round 2 projects in Jefferson County and the City of Port Angeles. Alternatives to the P.A. to Forks, and PA to Neah Bay projects were discussed, and County representatives offered to set up a meeting with alternative providers to explore other options. The District will continue to move the projects forward while exploring these other options.

County representatives referred to and provided an article written by Julia Anderson in the Puget Sound Business Journal and discussed the possibilities of Clallam County being a site for "community technology-planning teams" as described by Will Saunders, broadband policy and programs director for the Washington Department of Information Services. County representatives indicated they would contact Mr. Saunders regarding the proposed planning teams and let the District know if meetings are desired.

The work session adjourned at 12:45 p.m.