**Orick Community Service District**

**Special Meeting**

**July 28, 2025**

**Orick Community Hall**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Ron Barlowcalled the meeting to order

at 3:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Barlow, Bob Secor, Marla Zuber

**STAFF PRESENT:**  Marcie Allen, Bill Allen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna Hufford, Joseph Hufford

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bob Secor made a motion to approve July 28,2025 Agenda. Marla Zuber seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 14, 2025 Special Meeting:** Bob Secor made a motion to approve the minutes. Marla Zuber seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

**4.** **PUBLIC COMMENT**: None

**5. ACTION AGENDA:**

 **a.** Modified Contract to Hufford Construction for the Smart Meter Project

* A comparison of line-item costs of the current (unsigned) Contract with Hufford Construction for the Smart Meter Project, and the original (unsigned) Contract were reviewed by both parties.

Ron Barlow: We now need to complete our Action Item. Either it goes back on the table or we say we are not going to do a contract.

Bob Secor: I make a motion that we do not do a contract.

Donna Hufford: At all?

Ron: It would be a rebid or something, but we can’t afford to do that.

Marla Zuber: So, we would not do this contract at all. It would come down to purchasing the meters from Hufford Construction that they ordered.

Donna: We also have to agree on the work performed and supplies on hand.

Bob: So, it will cost us $105,000.00?

Ron: Yes, $105,000.00

Marla: We need to check on how long it will take to get the money.

Donna: Yes.

Ron: We have a motion to not do a contract. This Action Item tonight will cancel the bid with Hufford Construction. We don’t need to explain why, if anyone needs to know, they can attend a meeting.

Donna: It’s pretty simple, you just don’t have the money.

Marla: We don’t have the funding to cover all your costs. You (Hufford Construction) can’t put in a bunch of labor costs and not get covered for it. We can’t go backwards with this.

Bob: I would think that if the money is sitting there, and if we put in an invoice, they’re going to pay it, aren’t they?

Donna: Yes, maybe in 60 days.

Ron: Well, we need it sooner than that – we will check with the County tomorrow and we will find the right person to get that taken care of. It has gone on too long, meeting after meeting from November; it was asked how’s the Smart Meter Project coming along? The answer was always the same; we are still waiting on Jordan to complete the contract. Well, I guess one of us should have been involved in it and gotten the damn contract done at that time – but we didn’t – this is where we are at now. So, Bob Secor made a motion; we need a second on the motion not to do a contract, which will cancel the bid with Hufford Construction on the water meter project. I hope that covers it.

Marla Zuber: I’ll second the motion.

Ron Barlow: It has been moved and seconded.

All in favor – Ayes (3)

All opposed – None (0)

Motion passed.

Okay, so, that’s where we’re at. We’re going to purchase the (meters and supplies) from you. That leaves us a little bit to hire somebody to start to work, and we’ll plug along at getting them done. Then we have to learn how to operate them.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** 4:20 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025**