

Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington February 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the office of the District, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, Washington, on February 3, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice.

Commissioners present: Steve McKenna, President
Garry Arseneault
Randy Smith
Carnan Bergren
Kelly Allen

Staff present: Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Various staff

Others present: Steve Keene, Dean O'Daffer

Call to Order

- President McKenna called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute

- Caden Stockwell, Technology Programs Manager II, led the pledge and provided information on the application of human and organizational performance principles in IT

Agenda

- The agenda was approved as presented

Quarterly District Performance Plan Update

- Senior leaders reviewed the 2024 fourth quarter status update report
- 76.6% of the items were completed or are on track

Legislative Update

- Kelli Scott, Government and External Affairs Program Manager, presented a legislative update including a session overview and policy watchlist, along with other issues we're watching

Customer Experience and Facilities Update

- Justin Erickson, Chief Strategy & Stakeholder Officer, and Sarah DeLozier, Supervisor Customer Service & Dispatch, provided an update on the Service Center
- Reviewed decision to consolidate operations and stakeholder involvement in planning
- Discussed how the facility meets customer-owners needs
- Provided visitor statistics, successes and opportunities for improvement

Public Comment

- Dean O'Daffer, of Wenatchee, spoke in favor of solar power along with natural gas, if technology creates clean use for natural gas

Consent Agenda

President McKenna presented the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- Minutes of the January 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated January 28, 2025:
 - Vouchers totaling \$32,499,204.43;
 - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period January 14, 2025 through January 27, 2025 in the amount of \$29,717.79.
 - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238690 through 238700 and Advice Nos. 792564 through 793385 for the pay period ending January 12, 2025 in the amount of \$2,637,070.87.
 - Approval of Warrant Nos. 32646 through 32708 totaling \$117,257.74 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending January 27, 2025.

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To approve the consent agenda as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution 9

- Josh Mitchell, Residential Energy Efficiency Advisor, presented Resolution 9
- Resolution 9. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. 22-12417 WITH CLEARRESULT CONSULTING, INC. TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES RELATED TO THE HIGH ENERGY BURDEN PROGRAM

Resolution 10

- Salim Qazi, Project Manager Senior, presented Resolution 10
- Resolution 10. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NOS. 3, 4 AND 5 AND FURTHER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 FOR THE JUMPOFF RIDGE SWITCHYARD AND TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION (BID NO. 23-12828) WITH MICHELS PACIFIC ENERGY, INC. OF TUMWATER, WASHINGTON

Resolution 11

- Casey Hall, Project Manager Principal, presented Resolution 11
- Resolution 11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (NO. 24-13848) FOR ROCK ISLAND AND ROCKY REACH HYDROELECTRIC DAM CIVIL AND MECHANICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR SAID PROJECT USING THE ALTERNATIVE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD PROCEDURE AUTHORIZED BY RCW 39.10.300 ET SEQ

Resolution 12

- Chris McDarment, System Ops & Coordination Manager, presented Resolution 12
- Resolution 12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED RELIABILITY COORDINATOR AND SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES UNDER SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 24-13513) WITH CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Allen

To approve Resolutions 9, 10, 11, and 12 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Manager Items

- Kirk Hudson noted the quarterly project and contract summary reports were included in the meeting packet
- Lindsey Mohns, Director Business Services & Customer Utilities, reported that frost protection bills have been updated to the new billing structure and have begun going out

Commissioner Travel

- Lisa Sanders, Legal Office Administrator, reviewed upcoming event and travel details with the Commissioners

Commission Items

- Meeting Updates

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To make the following Board meeting changes:

- Change the location of the April 21, 2025 meeting to the Chelan PUD Leavenworth Auditorium, 222 Chumstick Highway, Leavenworth, and
- Change the location of the May 5, 2025 meeting to the PUD Service Center, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee

Approved: Unanimously

- Commissioner Allen commended the City of Chelan for their State of the City meeting
- Commissioner Smith noted that the Community Foundation has created local advisory committees to review applications; they are currently soliciting applications from community members who wish to be part of the local advisory committees
- Commissioner Bergren applauded the City of Chelan for their State of the City meeting; it was well-attended
- Commissioner Bergren noted he has accepted a position on the Water/Sewer/PUD workgroup that recommends policy updates for growth management

Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 1/20/25 Board meeting

- None

Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from Previous meetings

- Justin Erickson will explore music to play in the lobby – included in today's presentation
- Justin Erickson will provide information on the number of visitors to the Service Center along with information about how the Service Center is meeting overall expectations – included in today's presentation
- John Stoll and Justin Erickson will develop a way to collect data to help us assess whether service center is doing what was intended – addressed in today's presentation
- Kirk Hudson will further discuss Commissioner feedback with staff and develop fiber program recommendations for Commissioner consideration – reviewed at board workshop on January 31

Delegation of Action Items

- Josh Mitchell will provide more information on the comfort plus program for energy-burdened households

Recess @ 11:55am; Reconvene @ 1:00pm


Executive Session

President McKenna convened an executive session at approximately 1:00pm to discuss with legal counsel agency enforcement actions, litigation, potential litigation to which the District or its board is, or is likely to become, a party, and/or legal risks, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 60 minutes.

Regular Session Reconvened at 2:00pm

President McKenna confirmed no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

Signed by:

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Vice President


Commissioner


President


Secretary


Commissioner