

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)  
of the Commission  
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington  
November 7, 2017**

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the office of the District, 327 N. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington, on November 7, 2017, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

**Chelan County PUD Commissioners present:**

Randy Smith, President  
Garry Arseneault  
Dennis Bolz  
Ann Congdon  
Steve McKenna

**Chelan County PUD Staff present:**

Steve Wright, General Manager  
Shaun Seaman  
Jeff Smith  
John Stoll  
Erik Wahlquist  
Rebekah Garfein

**Port of Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:**

Pat Jones, Executive Director  
Donn Etherington  
JC Baldwin  
Rory Turner

**Chelan County Commissioners and staff present:**

Hank Lewis, Director of Community Development  
Kevin Overbay  
Keith Goehner  
Doug England

**Legislators present:**

Senator Brad Hawkins  
Representative Cary Condotta  
Representative Mike Steele

**Others present:**

Mike Cooney, Chelan Mayor  
Jeff Gomes, Cashmere Mayor  
Chery Farivar, Leavenworth Mayor  
Keith Vradenburg, Entiat Mayor  
Allison Williams, Wenatchee Exec. Services Director  
Shiloh Shauer, Chamber of Commerce Exec. Dir.  
Joel Walinski, Leavenworth City Administrator

**Guests present:**

Trevor Hutton (by phone), Department of Ecology Water Resources Section Manager for Central Regional Office

Mike Kaputa (by phone), Chelan County Natural Resources Director

**Call To Order**

- Chelan County PUD President, Randy Smith, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm
- Port of Chelan County Commissioner, Donn Etherington, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Minute**

- Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, led the pledge
- Todd West, Fish and Wildlife Operations Superintendent, provided a safety minute on weather awareness

## **2018 Legislative Session Preview**

- Senator Hawkins and Representatives Condotta and Steele gave updates on the legislative session
  - New educational program
  - Upcoming Hirst decision
  - Expect adjustments to education program
  - Capital budget is expected to be passed as presented at the end of the last session

## **2018 Legislative Session Priorities**

- Chelan County
  - Hirst decision, MOTCA funds, indigent defense, public health funding, revenue funding, icicle workgroup, marijuana revenues
- Port of Chelan County
  - West Cashmere bridge funding, on-call contracting, rural economic development, general aviation report funding, MOTCA funding, median wage, Public Works Trust Fund
- Chelan County PUD
  - Peshastin sewer, carbon legislation (least cost solution), pole attachments – protection of Title 54, protecting hydro operations/value of hydros, safe harbor provision
  - No changes to: open public meetings or collective bargaining, state retirement plan that would increase costs, voting districts, public records law that would increase the burden on public entities
- Mayors' Priorities
  - Housing, capital projects, preparation for wildfires (ability to burn brush), bridge updates in Chelan

## **Chelan County Shoreline Management Plan**

- Hank Lewis, Chelan County Director of Community Development, discussed the shoreline master plan
- 50/50 ownership split between County and Department of Ecology
- The original plan was adopted in 1975 with minor revisions in 1998
- Presentation to County seeking approval on November 21

## **Funding for Pangborn Airport Operations**

- Pat Jones, Executive Director of Port of Chelan County, discussion future operations at Pangborn
- Pangborn is owned by both Ports and it is anticipated that Douglas County may have trouble moving from their current 17% support to 30% support; Douglas County lacks financial capacity to partner on needed upgrades
- Regional airport authority idea

## **Chelan County Infrastructure Study (see [www.chelanpud.org](http://www.chelanpud.org) for presentation)**

- Gregg Carrington, Managing Director of Energy Resources at Chelan County PUD, and Laura Jaecks, Capital Projects Manager at Port of Chelan County, presented information on an infrastructure survey
- This is a joint project to catalog properties available in Chelan County and the property attributes

## **Lake Chelan Water Rights Allocation Process**

- Trevor Hutton and Mike Kaputa joined the meeting by phone to discuss Lake Chelan water rights
- Based on a 1992 agreement between Department of Ecology and Chelan County PUD on water to be made available for future use; about 5200 acre feet of the reserve remain available for allocation based on assumptions and agreed allocation methodology
- Coordinated cost reimbursement process; several applications are on hold and staff is reaching out to determine who remains interested
  - Will process those applications in order based on who is still interested
- Another 5000 acre feet is attributed to claims; could only be accessed through an adjudication process

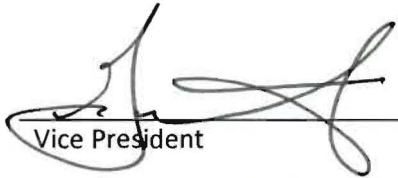
**Chelan County PUD Update**

- General Manager Steve Wright gave an update on PUD issues
  - Additional infrastructure is needed to support growth
  - Recent customer owner engagement in Leavenworth was successful
  - There were emotional pleas from Chelan North Shore that we find better ways to plan; our appeal is that we place an increased emphasis on working together on infrastructure during the planning phase

**News from the Mayors**

- Mayors and city representatives provided updates on their respective cities

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.

  
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