

# Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington January 24, 2022

The regular 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 January 24, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

**Commissioners present:** Steve McKenna, President (by phone)  
Garry Arseneault (by phone)  
Dennis Bolz (by phone)  
Ann Congdon (by phone)  
Randy Smith (by phone)

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

## **Call to Order**

- President McKenna called the meeting to order at 10:01am

## **Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/HPI Minute**

- Mario Cantu, Community Engagement Coordinator, led the pledge and provided information on how to prepare and stay safe during a winter storm

## **Agenda**

- Resolution 16 was moved to the consent agenda; the agenda was approved as revised

## **Cycle of Personal Ownership (CPO) Winner Recognition**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Kirk Hudson, General Manager, recognized December winners Jessica Blackburn, Senior Software Developer, and Heather Ireland, Lead Treasury Analyst

## **Dryden Treatment Plant Update**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Ron Slabaugh, Water/Wastewater Manager, gave an update on funding for the Dryden treatment plant
- Reviewed drivers for project, facility planning evaluation criteria, selected and evaluated alternatives, project cost and funding, and 2022-2024 action steps

## **Quarterly Board Balanced Scorecard Status Update**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Commissioners reviewed exceptions to Balanced Scorecard metrics

### **Legislative Update**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Shaun Seaman, Government/External Affairs Program Manager, provided an update on the current session
- Provided an overview of the session, committee changes, and top legislative issues and priorities
- Commissioners thanked Shaun for his contributions in advance of his upcoming retirement

### **Public Power Benefit Fiber Acceleration Update**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- John Ricardi, Distribution Projects Delivery Manager, provided an overview of the Chumstick and Manson fiber expansion projects; key takeaways
  - New GIS dynamic land rights tool has been developed to assist construction staff on land rights
  - Updated actual costs that inform project budget estimating for new towers

### **2022 District Performance Plan Review**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Senior Management Team members reviewed the 2022 District performance plan metrics
- These are the highest priority items that are in direct support of the strategic plan; all other activities have been moved to the business unit plans

### **Recess at 11:55am, Reconvene at 1:01pm**

### **Public Hearing – Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging Rate**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Public hearing started at 1:02pm
- Andrew Grassell, Energy Development and Conservation Manager, reviewed additional public comments received along with staff responses
- Resolution 15. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW RATE SCHEDULE AND NEW RATE FOR ELECTRICITY SERVICE TO DIRECT CURRENT FAST CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

To approve Resolution 15 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

- Public hearing ended at 1:08pm

### **Consent Agenda**

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

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

- Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated January 19, 2022:
  - Vouchers totaling \$13,778,852.90;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period January 5, 2022 through January 18, 2022 in the amount of \$17,946.51.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 237710 through 237724 and Advice Nos. 727771 through 728520 for the pay period ending January 2, 2022 in the amount of \$2,110,638.06.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 28193 through 28209 totaling \$3,360.84 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending January 17, 2022.

- Resolution 13. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING FIELD WORK ORDERS NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4, AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER BID NO. 19-54 WITH IMCO GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE BOND IN LIEU OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 14. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING FIELD WORK ORDER NO'S. 3-05, 3-06, 4-03, 4-04, 4-05, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE UNDER BID NO. 15-23 WITH ALSTOM POWER INC. OF SOREL-TRACY, QUEBEC CANADA, AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE BOND IN LIEU OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 16. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. 20-11099 WITH CHELAN COUNTY TO PROVIDE WATER FACILITIES

**MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner Bolz

To accept the consent agenda as revised

Approved: Unanimously

**Resolution 17**

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

- Bob Shane, Managing Director of Fiber and Telecom, presented Resolution 17
- Provides needed service to the public during the ongoing COVID pandemic, waiving fees for Wi-Fi hotspots
- This resolution extends the previous resolution, covering the interim days between the resolutions
- Resolution 17. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION 20-14510 TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT'S WHOLESALE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES RATES AND TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT AND DISTRICT SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ENABLE BROADBAND ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES DURING THE PERIOD OF COVID-19 RESPONSE

**MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To approve Resolution 17 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

**Fiber Capital Budget Revision**

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

- Bob Shane, Managing Director of Fiber and Telecom, presented a 2021 capital budget revision for the fiber build in the Chumstick area

**MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

To revise the 2021 Fiber System capital budget \$703,000 to account for PPB Fiber expansion in the Chumstick area of Leavenworth (FDT-122 and FDT-142-A) and increase the project budgets (NW150014 and NW170008) \$602,487 and \$662,242 respectively for a total of \$1,264,729.

Approved: Unanimously

**Manager Items**

- Kyle Endelman, Parks Superintendent, provided an update on Beebe campground
  - Online reservation system improvements included eliminating long queues and less hands-on time answering questions about availability
    - Challenges include vendor reliability issues
  - Planned updates for 2022

- Simplify rate structure with a \$35 rate for the entire camping season, discontinue all discounts
- Break camp season into three sequential 2-month blocks to help reduce opening day congestion and the number of refunds requested
- Hire two contractors to provide on-site support for customers
- The vendor has improved their server reliability and staff has established a call tree to assist customers
- Chelan County residents will have the same access as others; there is not strong demand from Chelan County residents at this time
- John Stoll, Managing Director of Customer Utilities, gave an overview of the North Shore substation outreach process
  - Starting public outreach and engagement around the site and landscaping
  - Renderings will be presented at the next board meeting before going out to the stakeholder group
- Justin Erickson, Managing Director of District Services, gave an update on Confluence Parkway
  - District and City of Wenatchee staff will provide a project update at the Feb. 7 Board meeting to include a comprehensive overview of the project, what has been to date, technical studies, District roles and responsibilities, and community outreach plan

**Commission Items**

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To set the following special meetings:

- On Wednesday, February 9 @ 3:30pm to be held virtually for the purpose of holding a Mid-C General Managers and Commissioners meeting
- On Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 9:00am to be held virtually for the purpose of holding a Spring Board Workshop

Approved: Unanimously

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 1/10/22 Board meeting**

- None

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from Previous Meetings**

- Ryan Baker will provide information on how Chelan County residents might have early access to the parks reservation system – included in today’s Beebe campground update

**Delegation of Action Items**

- Rebekah will update the Board balanced scorecard association representative list – completed 1/24/22

President McKenna expressed thanks to Kirk and the senior team for the effort to keep everything moving forward as we confront COVID impacts and supply chain issues

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46pm.

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President

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Vice President

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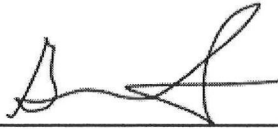
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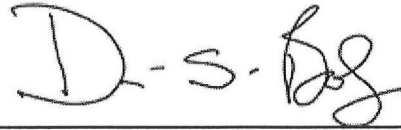
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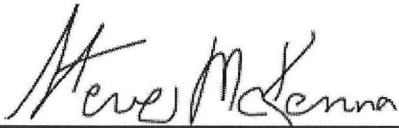
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Garry Arseneault - Board Member  
Approved on 2/13/2022 6:23AM PST



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Dennis Bolz - Board Member  
Approved on 2/7/2022 5:19PM PST



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Steve McKenna - Board Member  
Approved on 2/16/2022 8:07AM PST



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Randy Smith - Board Member  
Approved on 2/9/2022 6:15AM PST