

## Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington March 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, 1034 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan, Washington, on March 3, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice.

**Commissioners present:** Garry Arseneault, Vice President  
Randy Smith  
Carnan Bergren  
Kelly Allen

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

**Others present:** Erin McCardle, John Grein

### Call to Order

- Vice President Arseneault called the meeting to order at 10:04am

### Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute

- Kassie Bertilson, Human & Organizational Performance Program Manager, led the pledge and provided information on the application of simple rules

### Agenda

- Resolution 10 was moved to consent; the agenda was approved as revised

### Chelan Area Updates

- Mayor Erin McCardle reviewed the City of Chelan's 2025-2026 strategic plan, including guiding principles and outcomes and community values
  - Initiatives include manage growth, diversify housing options, modernize resources, enhance youth and family wellbeing, establish a long-range economic strategy, increase community engagement and strengthen strategic partnerships
- John Wasniewski, Senior Energy Analyst, reviewed Lake Chelan lake level management
  - Forecasts currently are for a below-average water year
  - Seasonal weather forecasts are for below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation, which may positively impact water availability
- Chris Blayne, Managing Director Fiber & Telecom, reported on the South Shore fiber expansion
  - Reviewed project overview and timeline along with phase 1 and phase 2 areas
- Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel, provided an update on Stehekin
  - A cross-functional team is working to develop ideas to address electrical service challenges in Stehekin
- Drew Thompson, Energy Efficiency Advisor, provided an update on an energy solutions project coordinated with the City of Chelan

- Staff has assessed all City-owned facilities and expects to complete a formal report in the next month outlining no-cost, low-cost and capital project options for the facilities

#### **Annual Report of Safety Concern Reports Received**

- Jared Watts, Director Safety, Health and H&OP, presented safety concern data for 2024
- Focus in 2024 - improve safety and health team Enablon usage
  - Enablon, internal transparency, safety communications, power business intelligence dashboards
- Focus in 2025 is on internal transparency, learning and team solutions

#### **Public Comment**

- John Grein, Chelan Ridge resident, reported on a meeting with Commissioners and staff last week
  - Reviewed concerns with Chelan Ridge water system adequacy
  - Next step is a study to review current system, considering private wells and future development

#### **Consent Agenda**

Vice President Arseneault presented the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and February 21, 2025 Special Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated February 25, 2025:
  - Vouchers totaling \$35,658,760.08;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period February 11, 2025 through February 24, 2025 in the amount of \$4,834.05.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238711 through 238717 and Advice Nos. 794204 through 795034 for the pay period ending February 09, 2025 in the amount of \$2,709,986.52.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 32808 through 32876 totaling \$37,911.88 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending February 24, 2025.
  - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period February 14, 2025 through February 20, 2025 in the amount of \$2,380.00.
- Resolution 8. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING FIELD WORK ORDER NOS. 1-5, AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT NO. 23-13198 WITH BLACKWATER INDUSTRIES PLLC OF TOLEDO, WA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 10. A RESOLUTION DECLARING BIOMARK, INC. OF BOISE, ID AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER OF PASSIVE INTEGRATED TRANSPONDER TAGS FOR EVALUATION OF THE DISTRICT'S HATCHERY PROGRAMS OPERATED AS PART OF THE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS AND TO CONDUCT ROCK ISLAND RELICENSING STUDIES, AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BIOMARK, INC.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Allen

To approve the consent agenda as revised to include Resolution 10

Approved: Unanimously

#### **Resolution 9**

- Toby Tarzwell, Senior Project Manager, presented Resolution 9
- Resolution 9. A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MCKITTRICK/MILLER STREET UTILITY RELOCATION BASED ON SPECIAL FACILITIES OR MARKET CONDITIONS AND SOLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KRAEMER-SCARSELLA JOINT VENTURE OF PLAIN, WI ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith  
To approve Resolution 9 as presented  
Approved: Unanimously

#### Manager Items

- Rachel Hansen, Senior Communications Strategist, noted that Helion is holding a community meeting on March 11, 2025 at 5:30pm at Mission View Elementary
- Kirk Hudson, General Manager, read into the record the obituary of former Commissioner Dennis Bolz

#### Commission Items

- Commissioner Allen provided highlights of the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally held in Washington DC last week
- Commissioner Arseneault noted a friend that works at a federal agency shared news of an email cancelling all employee credit cards, affecting those on travel, and no longer allowing overtime
  - Appreciate public power, owned and operated in Chelan county

#### Commissioner Travel

- Rebekah Neumann, Executive Team & Board Administrator, reviewed upcoming event and travel details with the Commissioners

#### Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 2/18/25 Board meeting

- Janet Jaspers will share information on anticipated staffing impacts at Bonneville Power Administration related to Executive Orders
- Erik Wahlquist will share an assessment of tariff impacts on the District for power sent to/received from Canada
- John Stoll will provide information on outstanding items related to North Shore Substation (lights/fencing)
- Rebekah Neumann will determine if the lights at Rocky Reach have been updated – sent via email 2/18/25

#### Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from Previous Board meetings

- Chris Blayne will develop a definition of broadband service – sent via email 2/20/25

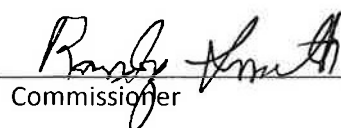
#### Delegation of Action Items

- Erik Wahlquist will provide history information on the Stehekin power plant and whether it pre-dates the National Park
- Kirk Hudson will prepare a response to the Chelan Ridge water concerns

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39am

Signed by:  
  
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Vice President

  
Commissioner

President

Secretary

  
Commissioner