

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)
of the Commission
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
March 29, 2022**

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in-person at Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee and via Zoom, on March 29, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:

Steve McKenna, Commissioner
Garry Arseneault, Commissioner
Randy Smith, Commissioner
Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services
Dave Arbaugh, Lobbyist
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Rachel Hansen, Senior Communications Strategist

**Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
Commissioners and Staff present:**

JC Baldwin, Commissioner
Donn Etherington, Commissioner
Jim Huffman, Commissioner
Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner
Jim Kuntz, Executive Director
Sarah Deenik, Communications
Ron Cridlebaugh
Bobbie Chatriand
Stacie De Mestre

Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:

Bob Bugert, Commissioner
Kevin Overbay, Commissioner
Tiffany Gering, Commissioner
Sasha Sleiman, Housing Program Coordinator
Carlye Baity, Clerk of the Board

Others present:

Representative Keith Goehner
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor
Carl Florea, Leavenworth Mayor
Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
Wade Farris, City of Chelan
Frank Kuntz, Wenatchee Mayor
Laura Merrill, City of Wenatchee
Linda Haglund, Wenatchee Downtown Association
Renee Swearingen, Entiat Valley Chamber of Comm.
Malachi Salcido, Salcido Enterprises
Molly Nelson, Salcido Enterprises
Emily Thornton, Wenatchee World
Kyle Lamb, Cherry Creek Radio
Blake Baldwin, NCW Tech Alliance
Curt Soper, Chelan Douglas Land Trust
Mike Mackey, Chelan Douglas Land Trust
Mike Tanchick, Business Results
David Hulse
Celina Venegas-Sanchez
David Richey
Kelli Scott
Mike Walker

Call To Order

- Vice-President Steve McKenna called the meeting to order at 1:03pm
- Justin Erickson led the pledge of allegiance

Alcoa Closure Announcement – Community Engagement on Redevelopment

- Jim Kuntz, CDRPA Executive Director, noted that site decisions are Alcoa's

- Would like to have local dialogue to provide feedback to Alcoa; is there appetite for public involvement?
 - Support expressed for a workgroup; agency CEO/GMs asked to coordinate an initial meeting

NCW Tech Alliance

- Blake Baldwin, Director of Operations, reviewed mission, passion, service area, focus on technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education, team and board, and new organizational structure
- Reviewed programs including cyber meetups, UpSkill – which will be moving to a national platform, Flywheel investment conference, and Project iLumina (digital inclusion, digital transformation, rural leadership development, and entrepreneurial innovation)
- Partnering with other agencies on the Our Valley Our Future Technology Ecosystem Gamechanger project

Legislative Session Review and Perspectives from the Tri-Commission

- Dave Arbaugh, Lobbyist, reviewed the legislative session
- PUD was monitoring customer assistance, \$100M was included in the budget; also included was funding for:
 - Lower Snake River Dam study
 - Broadband deployment
- Discussed other bills of interest that were not approved during the session
- Anticipate potential changes in the legislature during the next election cycle
- Representative Goehner discussed budget
 - Significance in supplemental budget was a 24% increase in the budget

Tri-Commission Updates

- Chelan County PUD
 - Service Center and 5th Street Campus Redevelopment Update
 - Service Center work is ongoing; building A on schedule for completion late this year or early next year
 - Behind that building are operations buildings that will be completed on staggered schedules through 2023
 - Currently have an RFP out for 5th Street Redevelopment in partnership with the Regional Port Authority; anticipate award and negotiations over the summer
 - Notice: Confluence Parkway Open House – March 30 @ CTC
 - Two walking tours and two open houses tomorrow
 - Online survey is available for feedback
- Chelan County Commission
 - Regional Mental Health Facility is underway with a workgroup across four counties
 - Goal is to open a behavioral health unit in Chelan County
 - Also looking at stabilization centers in more remote areas for individuals prior to transportation to the regional facility
 - Will be asking voters for a 1/10 percent tax to fund this facility and service
 - Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund Grant
 - Will go live June 6 to fund infrastructure projects that support economic development and affordable housing
 - ARPA dollars – have contracted with Moss Adams to advise on how to prioritize and spend funds along with meeting reporting requirements
 - In April, will complete internal surveys to prioritize spending, followed by Commissioner workshops on how to prioritize
 - Will then provide opportunities for community feedback on priorities
 - Organizational Assessment
 - The County has recently assumed additional responsibilities; in addition have seen expanding roles and responsibilities for various departments

- Consultant to evaluate structure; report will be available in April
- Update on Facilities Plan
 - Engaging Beeman Architecture to develop recommendation for next 20-year facilities plan; plan will be broken into four 5-year plans to allow inclusion of emerging technologies and new funding opportunities
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
 - Airport Update
 - Reviewed projects underway and future FAA-funded projects
 - Alaska Airlines is retiring their fleet of Q400s; Wenatche will be serviced by E175 jets in 2023

Insights from the Mayors

- Laura Merrill, Wenatchee Executive Services Director
 - Confluence Parkway is a large focus for the city and region
 - Consultant working on redevelopment plan for former State Patrol location
- Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
 - Thanks to Rep. Steele for support of infrastructure for Chelan Airport enlargement
 - Putting water and sewer main in two alleys downtown
 - Have started on new public works building
 - Community interest in making the Woodin bridge 2 way and discussion on Woodin Avenue updates
 - Property developer has purchased land near Walmart and anticipated to add apartments
- Carl Florea, Leavenworth
 - Working with Chelan County to look at urban growth area
 - Working with Senator Hawkins on affordable housing under Community Economic Development tax
 - Received funding through Rep. Schrier for an affordable housing pilot project with a local contractor
- Mayor Fletcher, Cashmere
 - Held a community forum with ~100 people to discuss the future of Cashmere
 - Community wants to see more trails, possibly moving library to Riverside Center, refurbishing river access
 - West Cashmere Bridge anticipated to open at the end of July
 - City contracted with a firm to manage their utility service

Commissioner Comments

- Jim Kuntz noted that Commissioner Turner has resigned and the Port board is accepting applications for an appointment for the remainder of Commissioner Turner’s term
- Welcomed Kirk Hudson as the PUD’s new General Manager

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56pm.


President

Vice President

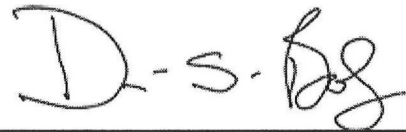
Secretary

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Garry Arseneault - Board Member
Approved on 4/20/2022 9:11AM PDT



Dennis Bolz - Board Member
Approved on 4/21/2022 11:00AM PDT



Ann Congdon - Board Member
Approved on 4/22/2022 3:23PM PDT



Steve McKenna - Board Member
Approved on 4/25/2022 7:10AM PDT



Randy Smith - Board Member
Approved on 4/20/2022 6:46AM PDT