

**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington  
April 3, 2023**

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 April 3, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

**Commissioners present:** Randy Smith, President  
Kelly Allen  
Garry Arseneault (by phone)  
Carnan Bergren

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

**Guests present:** Kalie Worthen

**Call to Order**

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

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

- Annika Kallstrom, Power Business Technical Analyst II, led the pledge and provided information on sleep deprivation

**Agenda**

- Resolution 11 was moved to the consent agenda; the agenda was approved as revised

**Quarterly Electrical Load Growth**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Andy Wendell, Director Customer Service/Stakeholder Outreach, reviewed load growth information
- New residential construction remains steady county wide
- Forecasting 800+ new residential services per year for the next 3 years consistent with historical numbers
- Some large single family residential developments are slowing build-out pace
- No material shift away from substation build plan
- December 2022 new peak demand results in moderate changes to targeted areas
- Planned utility infrastructure investments are positioned well to meet demands of growth in water, electric, wastewater and fiber
- County-wide planning efforts combined with advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data are improving forecasting accuracy

### **Progressive Design Build Overview for Power Delivery Projects**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Chad Bowman, Interim Director Engineering and Project Management, and Casey Hall, Principal Project Manager, reviewed alternate project delivery proposal for power grid projects
- Reviewed current projects utilizing alternate delivery methods and lessons learned
- Differences between traditional design and progressive design build
- Proposed projects utilizing progressive design build
- Next steps include application to the Washington State Project Review Committee
- Commissioners gave a head nod of approval to use progressive design build for power delivery projects

### **Public Power Benefit Fiber Program Update**

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Bob Shane, Managing Director Fiber and Telecom, and John Stoll, Managing Director Customer Utilities, provided an update on Fiber plans under the Public Power Benefit (PPB) program
- Reviewed original expectations and staff analysis
- Staff developed recommendation with consensus on scope schedule and budget; the District is on track to meet the 85% coverage target by the end of 2026 with the current budget
- Discussed county growth impacts, premises passed, and known unknowns
- Appreciate Board support and recognize the value of fiber to the community
- Recommendation is to achieve the original PPB scope and define the goal for finalization of the project, then return to the Board this fall with a progress report

### **Consent Agenda**

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

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

- Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting, March 23, 2023 Special Meeting, and March 24, 2023 Special Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated March 29, 2023:
  - Vouchers totaling \$22,056,597.23;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period March 15, 2023 through March 28, 2023 in the amount of \$77,857.78.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238100 through 238112 and Advice Nos. 752565 through 753368 for the pay period ending March 12, 2023 in the amount of \$2,404,047.56.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 29378 through 29422 totaling \$4,612.81 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending March 27, 2023.
  - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period March 10, 2023 through March 24, 2023 in the amount of \$280.00.
- Resolution 9. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING FIELD WORK ORDER/CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER BID NO. 20-22 WITH HOLT SERVICES, INC. OF MILTON, WA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 22-12481) WITH UTILICAST, LLC TO PROVIDE ENTERPRISE AND SOLUTIONS ARCHITECTURE CONSULTING

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve the consent agenda as revised to include Resolution 11

Approved: Unanimously

## **Resolution 10**

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

- Salim Qazi, Senior Project Manager, presented Resolution 10
- Resolution 10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. 21-11984 WITH MCMILLEN, INC. OF BOISE, IDAHO FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ROCK ISLAND SPILLWAY GATE HANDLING IMPROVEMENTS

### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Bergren

To approve Resolution 10 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

## **Manager Items**

- Brett Bickford, Managing Director Generation and Transmission, gave an update on cracks found in Piers 7 and 15 at Rock Island Dam
  - Cracks caused by expansion due to extreme temperatures; monitoring concrete and water temperatures
  - Proposing to start work to reduce expansion and contraction stresses
  - Have notified FERC regional offices; no concerns noted
  - Discussed concrete rehabilitation work; unique needs due to the age of the structure

## **Commissioner Travel**

- Lisa Sanders, Legal Office Administrator, reviewed upcoming Commissioner travel

## **Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 3/20/23 Board meeting**

- None

## **Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 3/23/23 Board workshop**

- Rebekah Neumann will meet with Commissioners McKenna and Allen to review Board balanced scorecard metrics, after the Board governance workshop
- Erik Wahlquist will meet with Commissioners Smith and Allen to review the Board governance policies, after the Board governance workshop

## **Delegation of Action Items**

- Andy Wendell will provide information on planning thresholds for water and wastewater

## **Executive Session**

President Smith 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.

**Recess at 11:55am, Reconvene at 1:00pm**

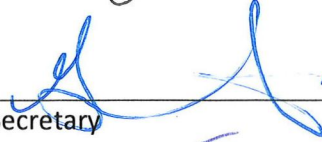
## **Regular Session Reconvened at 2:00pm**

President Smith stated no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session

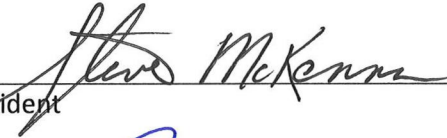
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00pm



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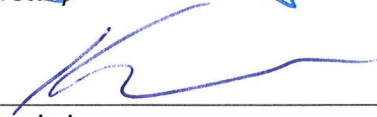
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