Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington April 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the Leavenworth office of the District, 222 Chumstick Highway, Leavenworth, Washington, on April 21, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice.

Commissioners present: Steve McKenna, President

Garry Arseneault Randy Smith Carnan Bergren Kelly Allen

Staff present: Kirk Hudson, General Manager

Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel

Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board

Various staff

Others present: Carl Florea

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute

Bryce Johnson, Utility Forester, led the pledge and provided information on tree placement and trimming

Agenda

Resolutions 11, 13, and 15 were moved to the consent agenda; the agenda was approved as revised

Leavenworth Topics

- Mayor Florea, City of Leavenworth, provided an update on upper valley issues
- Rebuilding restrooms next to the park; expect them to reopen in June in time for the summer season
- Have hired a design firm to upgrade Front Street to a plaza over the next few years
- Feasibility study to look at a parking garage along with other parking improvements
- Discussed ongoing efforts to collocate City services on the PUD Leavenworth campus
- Large water main going in this summer for additional capacity and fire flow
- The District appreciates the City's willingness to partner with us on reliability issues

Upper Valley Utility Focus

- Chad Rissman, Director Distribution Asset Management, and Bill Sanborn, Manager Utility Vegetation, provided an overview of the upper valley utilities, including:
 - o Wildfire mitigation
 - Building capacity for growth
 - Fiber/broadband access

- o Aging infrastructure
- Reliability and quality improvements
- Vegetation management has grown; moving to all digital tree tracking making it easier to track individual trees and share information with contractors
- Reviewed automation that is managing reclosers based on weather conditions; anticipate this will
 dramatically improve reliability during the summer months
- Reviewed long-range planning in the upper valley

Legislative Update

- Kelli Scott, Government/External Affairs Program Manager, provided an update on current legislative issues including a session overview, status of priority bills and other bills of interest
- Reviewed upcoming deadlines for bills
- Noted that Kirk Hudson, General Manager, has been appointed to the Governor's Data Center Workgroup

Mission Substation Future Expansion Opportunity

- Chad Rissman and Becky Jaspers, Real Estate Specialist III, reviewed an opportunity to purchase property adjacent to the existing Mission substation in Cashmere
- The property is for sale and supports the District's 50-year vision; discussed current substation constraints
- Next step will be a resolution for consideration at the next meeting

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting and April 8, 2025 Special Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated April 15, 2025:
 - o Vouchers totaling \$31,494,923.10;
 - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period April 01, 2025 through April 14, 2025 in the amount of \$28,742.42.
 - o Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238740 through 238748 and Advice Nos. 797600 through 798465 for the pay period ending April 06, 2025 in the amount of \$2,886,209.56.
 - o Approval of Warrant Nos. 32993 through 33050 totaling \$18,636.31 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending April 14, 2025.
 - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period March 28, 2025 through April 10, 2025 in the amount of \$1,400.00.
- Resolution 11. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REVISED DAILY HYDRANT VALVE AND HYDRANT USE RATES
- Resolution 13. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 19-10311) WITH MEAD & HUNT, INC. TO PROVIDE FERC PART 12 ENGINEERING SERVICES
- Resolution 15. A RESOLUTION DECLARING ENDRESS & HAUSER, INC. OF GREENWOOD, INDIANA AS THE SOLE SOURCE MANUFACTURER OF FLOW METERS AND TEMPERATURE PROBES (CONTRACT NO. 25-14324)

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith Seconded by: Commissioner Allen

To approve the consent agenda as revised to include Resolutions 11, 13, and 15

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution 9

- Chad Rissman presented Resolution 9
- Resolution 9. A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING AWARDING TO GENERAL PACIFIC, INC. OF FAIRVIEW, OREGON AND CAMTRAN TRANSFORMER MANUFACTURING CO. LTD. OF COLBORNE, ONTARIO FOR THE 2025-2026 DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER PURCHASE AND SUPPLY (BID NO. 24-13992)

Resolution 10

- Colton Polczynski, Civil Engineer III, presented Resolution 10
- Resolution 10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. 23-13280
 WITH ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION ENGINEERING
 SUPPORT

Resolution 12

- Ryan Smolinsky, Staff Attorney, presented Resolution 12
- Resolution 12. A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 19 OF THE DISTRICT'S UTILITY SERVICE REGULATIONS

Resolution 14

- Toby Tarzwell, Senior Project Manager (Fiber), presented Resolution 14
- Resolution 14. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NOS. 3 THROUGH 6 AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 FOR CONTRACT NO. 23-12956 WITH SE INC., DBA SMITH EXCAVATION OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON FOR UNIT PRICE EXCAVATION SERVICES

Resolution 16

- Justin Erickson, Chief Strategy and Stakeholder Officer, presented Resolution 16
- Resolution 16. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW RATE SCHEDULE AND RATE FOR DISTRICT-OWNED PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve Resolutions 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Manager Items

Justin Erickson provided information on the upcoming Stehekin visit on May 14 and 15

Commission Items

- Commissioner Allen appreciated the Board workshop on Friday and the valuable feedback offered by a former General Manager and former Commissioner
- Commissioner Bergren also expressed appreciation for the Board Workshop on Friday

Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 4/7/25 Board meeting

None

Delegation of Action Items

- John Stoll will communicate to Commissioners when outages will occur in Leavenworth related to upcoming planned work
- Justin Erickson will provide information status of the Ravenwing property

Executive Session

President McKenna convened an executive session at approximately 12:10pm 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 90 minutes.

Regular Session Reconvened at 1:45pm

President McKenna confirmed no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

President

Commissioner