

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)
of the Commission
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
May 13, 2025**

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County,
Washington, was held at Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee,
on May 13, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:

Steve McKenna, Commissioner President
Garry Arseneault, Commissioner
Randy Smith, Commissioner
Carnan Bergren, Commissioner
Kelly Allen, Commissioner
Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Justin Erickson, Chief Strategy & Stakeholder Officer
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Tucker Havekost, Mike Bradshaw, Janet Jaspers, Erik
Wahlquist, Kelli Scott

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

Jim Huffman, Commissioner
Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner
Jim Kuntz, Chief Executive Officer
Sarah Deenik

Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:

Shon Smith, Commissioner
Brad Hawkins, Commissioner
Ana Arroyo, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Mike Kaputa, Jill FitzSimmons, Ron Cridlebaugh

Others present:

Representative Keith Goehner
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor
Mike Poirier, Wenatchee Mayor
Erin McCardle, Chelan Mayor
Renee Swearingen, Entiat Mayor
Carl Florea, Leavenworth Mayor
Jerrilea Crawford, East Wenatchee Mayor
Ruby Gaston, Rep. Schrier's office
Malachi Salcido, Salcido Group
Mike Mackey

Call To Order

- President McKenna called the meeting to order at 1:07pm; Justin Erickson led the pledge of allegiance

Tri-Commission Updates

- Chelan County Commission
 - Emergency Management Campus – Ron Cridlebaugh, Economic Services Director
 - Provided an update on the emergency management services campus in Olds Station
 - Will include 3 buildings including a secure area for vehicle searches, motor pool building, and coroner's office
 - Malaga Waterfront Park – Mike Kaputa, Natural Resources Director
 - The county has purchased a couple parcels
 - Reviewed 30% design schematics; expect final design cost estimate in the next month
 - Stehekin Community Planning – Mike Kaputa
 - Pioneer fire last summer deferred the County's Stehekin plan

- County is developing a plan to address needs in Stehekin; community meetings scheduled May 14-15
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority – Jim Kuntz, Chief Executive Officer
 - Reviewed update on Port projects including Pangborn facility and runway upgrades, trades district project, Airlift Northwest hangar project, craft district development in downtown Wenatchee, proposed Tax Increment Financing district, Malaga cooling water facility and radar gap project
- Chelan County PUD
 - Large Load Framework Overview – Mike Bradshaw, Director Energy Structure and Trading
 - Reviewed the PUD’s large load framework
 - Principles of the contract framework include no negative impact to other customers, preserving local control, and that the framework be comprehensive and durable for future requests
 - Helion Opportunity Evaluation – Brett Bickford, Managing Director of Generation and Transmission
 - Provided an update on the evaluation of partnering with Helion
 - Decision principles include evaluating for consistency with PUD values, no negative impact to other customers, diversification of energy resources, and preserving local control
 - Reviewed evaluation activities, potential value and risk mitigations, and next steps


Insights From the Mayors

- Jim Fletcher, Cashmere - Things are going great!
- Renee Swearingen, Entiat - Noted the city has received federal funding for a sewer improvement project
- Erin McCardle, Chelan
 - Contract with Department of Commerce for airport water line funding; anticipate spring construction
 - Meeting with Army Corps of Engineers on 2026 funding requests and the East Chelan water reservoir
- Mike Poirier, Wenatchee
 - Thank you to Representative Goehner for additional funding for Confluence Parkway
 - Thank you to the PUD for riverfront park improvements
 - Working on joint community education around Fourth of July fireworks
- Carl Florea, Leavenworth
 - Project to double the size of the City’s water main will begin soon
 - Test drilling for alternative water source may provide water for an all-pumped system
 - Maifest is the kickoff for summer; heavily reliant on overnight stays from Canadian friends, which are currently in decline

Additional Comments

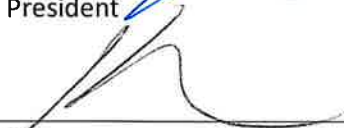
- Senator Goehner reflected on the recent legislative session and state budget challenges

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.


Vice President

Commissioner


President


Secretary


Commissioner