

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)
of the Commission
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
June 29, 2021**

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 June 29, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:

Randy Smith, Commissioner
Dennis Bolz, Commissioner
Ann Congdon, Commissioner
Steve McKenna, Commissioner
Steve Wright, General Manager
Justin Erickson, Managing Director of Dist. Services
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Bob Shane, Managing Dir. of Fiber & Telecom
Rachel Hansen, Senior Communications Strategist
Shaun Seaman, Gov. / External Affairs Program Mgr
Andy Wendell, Dir. Cust. Service, Stakeholder Outrch

Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority

Commissioners and Staff present:

JC Baldwin, Commissioner
Jim Huffman, Commissioner
Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner
Jim Kuntz, Executive Director
Cami Harris, Administrative Assistant

Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:

Bob Bugert, Commissioner
Kevin Overbay, Commissioner
Tiffany Gering, Commissioner
Blake Baldwin, Economic Development Director

Others present:

Kelli Scott, Representative Schrier's Office
Alicia Bissonnette, Representative Schrier's Office
Ari Perlmutter, Representative Schrier's Office
Keith Goehner, State Representative
Dr. Lisa Brown, Department of Commerce
Russ Elliott, State Broadband Office
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor
Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
Mike "Buck" Buckingham, Entiat Mayor
Laura Merrill, City of Wenatchee
Linda Haglund, Wenatchee Downtown Association
Rosa Pulido, Wenatchee Valley Chamber
Jefferson Robbins
Jerri Barkley
Renee Swearingen
Yvonne Wilcox

Call To Order

- President Randy Smith called the meeting to order at 1:08pm and led the pledge of allegiance

Special Presentation: Washington State Broadband Office

- Russ Elliott, Washington State Broadband Office Executive Director, reviewed strategy and support model including broadband action teams to identify the specific needs of each region
- Broadband.wa.gov website includes state metrics
- Building scaled infrastructure to maintain future value
- Reviewed funding; the State broadband office is working to identify and coordinate funding
- The State is allocating funds for various premises passed density at different dollar tiers

Legislative Wrap Up and Perspectives from the Tri-Commission

- Shaun Seaman, Chelan PUD Government and External Affairs Program Manager, provided an overview of the legislative session and reviewed bills of interest
- Jim Kuntz, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority Executive Director, thanked our state delegation for appropriations to fund the Chelan airport water line extension and Malaga water service extension in support of economic development

Tri-Commission Updates

- Chelan County PUD
 - Justin Erickson, Chelan PUD Managing Director of District Services, provided brief updates on:
 - Second water source - received state funding for a surface water treatment feasibility study
 - Fire safety outage management - reviewed outreach efforts, limited geographical area, and mitigation efforts
 - Summer reservoir readiness - we are seeing constraints in the system and the public will see more frequent fluctuations of the river
 - Recreational constraints can be put into place on holiday weekends, as needed
 - The Current app provides real-time information on river conditions
 - Energy demand and forecasting from the District's most recent quarterly load update - residential housing is a primary focus
 - What about this week with record-breaking temperatures? We do have an increasingly fragile regional power system and there is a regional effort working to address that
 - The regional power supply is in pretty good shape; streamflows are up due to melting snowpack
 - Another event like this later in the summer would be troublesome when the snowpack is gone
- Chelan County Commission
 - National Prescribed Fire Act of 2021
 - Ari Perlmutter, from Representative Schrier's office, described the Act which establishes funding accounts for controlled burns on federal, state, and private lands
 - Key components of the Act are a collaborative grant program, incentive program for conducting large-scale prescribed fires, and a requirement for states to use federal air quality standards
 - The bill has momentum in both chambers of Congress
 - Blake Baldwin, Chelan County Economic Development Director, noted that the Commissioners have awarded 6 grants through the Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund
 - Funding comes from a percent of revenue from rural counties' taxes
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA)
 - Tax Increment Financing
 - Jim Kuntz, CDRPA Executive Director, described a new tool in tax-increment financing
 - Tax-increment districts are designated areas within the county that have \$200M or less of assessed value; taxes generated on the increase in assessed value can be used to fund public infrastructure projects
 - Jim will be coordinating collaborative meetings to review potential projects

Insights from the Mayors

- Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor, noted upcoming projects - one to bring water and sewer to Railroad Avenue and the other on Sunset Highway
- Mike "Buck" Buckingham, Entiat Mayor, reported that the park is doing exceptionally well and there is a lot of residential development underway
- Laura Merrill, Wenatchee Executive Services Director, reported that the city has received an infrastructure grant for Confluence Parkway
 - Laura thanked the CDRPA and PUD for taking the lead on the second water source project

- Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor, reiterated the City’s request for PUD partnership in undergrounding utilities in the downtown alley during upcoming improvements
 - Mayor Goedde also requested that the PUD consider installing conduit for fiber in connection with Howard Flats infrastructure improvements

Commissioner Comments

- JC Baldwin thanked Justin Erickson for coordinating the Tri-Commission meeting
- Jim Kuntz noted that the concrete work at the airport initial bids came in at \$10M, \$2M over the anticipated cost
- Steve Wright noted that the Peshastin Water District (PWD) has asked to merge with the PUD
 - The PUD gave them a set of items to be accomplished; PWD has accomplished most of those items including obtaining state funding for a new well
 - The PUD is now moving in that direction; this will be a multi-year effort
- Justin Erickson congratulated the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority on their selection as Port of the Year out of 75 port districts in Washington

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:01pm.

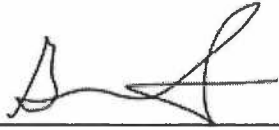
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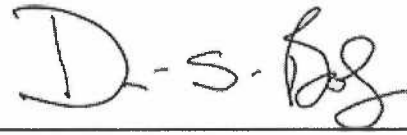
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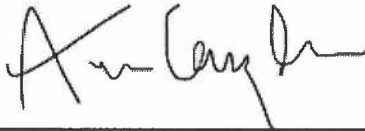
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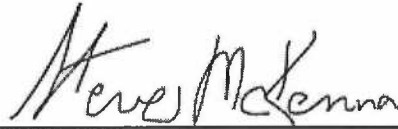
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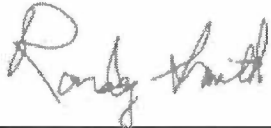
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