

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

The regular meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the office of the District, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, Washington, on July 21, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice.

Commissioners present: Steve McKenna, President
Garry Arseneault
Kelly Allen
Randy Smith
Carnan Bergren

Staff present: Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel
Teresa Boushay, acting Clerk of the Board
Various staff

Others present: Steve and Ronda Wilkinson, Chad Minnick

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute

- Gage Graika, Technical Safety Manager, led the pledge and provided information on the wildfire smoke including regulatory updates and the District's updated Wildfire Smoke Standard

Agenda

- The agenda was approved as presented

Chelan County Franchise

- Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer, shared details on a Franchise agreement with Chelan County
- Collaborative process that consolidates the permitting process; includes water, fiber, and construction

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve the franchise agreement with Chelan County and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

Approved: Unanimously

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated July 15, 2025:
 - Vouchers totaling \$11,470,996.22;
 - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period July 01, 2025 through July 14, 2025 in the amount of \$27,509.59.
 - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. . 238799 through 238805 and Advice Nos. 802831 through 803701 for the pay period ending June 29, 2025 in the amount of \$3,009,651.05.
 - Approval of Warrant Nos. 33364 through 33419 totaling \$32,404.47 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending July 14, 2025.
 - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period July 01, 2025 through July 14, 2025 in the amount of \$5,110.00.

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve the consent agenda as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution 6

- Brandon Little, Principal Civil Engineer, presented Resolution 6
- Resolution 6. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15011 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA-TA NO. 22-12146) WITH CORNFORTH CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Resolution 7

- Casey Hall, Interim Manager - Project Delivery, presented Resolution 7
- Resolution 7. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15012 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE A TASK AUTHORIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 25-14445) WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO ROCK ISLAND DROP GATE STRUCTURE DESIGN AND& CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Allen

To approve Resolutions 6 and 7 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution 8

- Mark Belton, Purchasing & Contracts Admin-Supervisor, presented Resolution 8
- Resolution 8. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15013 REJECTING ALL BIDS AND DECLARING THAT NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF 1100 MCM CABLE (BID NO. 25-14449) AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF 1100 MCM CABLE BE OBTAINED BY NEGOTIATION

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve Resolution 8 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

Public Comment

- Steve Wilkinson, Wenatchee, shared gratitude on behalf of his family for the District's kindness and support during their time of deep sorrow and grief

Recess @ 10:39; Reconvene @ 10:45

Manager Items

- Ron Gibb, Manager - Insurance & Risk Management, provided the final figures for 2025-26 Insurance renewals
 - Follow up to the June 16 authorization; final figures lower than estimate and under budgeted amount
- Chad Rissman, Director - Distribution Asset Management, and Whitney Machado, Wildfire Program Manager, gave an overview on wildfire prevention measures and outages
 - Mitigation includes vegetation management, steel poles, fire-retardant paint on pole bases, and undergrounding cables
 - (PSPS) Public Safety Power Shutoff – manual intervention
 - Measure of last resort when extreme fire-weather conditions exist, more than a red-flag warning
 - Program in effect for 5 years, never executed; recent conditions of wind/low humidity came close
 - Reclosers – automated intervention
 - 3 Settings with increased sensitivity based on data and conditions
 - Affects reliability when set at highest sensitivity, as seen recently
 - Restoration only when lines and conditions are safe

Commission Items

- Special meeting

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Allen

To set the following special meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 1:00pm at the Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, for the purpose of a Tri-Commission meeting

Approved: Unanimously

- Commissioner Bergren observed that Chelan Falls Powerhouse Park does not appear to have an American Flag on display, requested follow up
- Commissioner Arseneault thanked communications staff, including Suzanne Grassell and Carlos Davis, for preparation and meeting coordination during last week's visit to the District of Columbia; noted the District is highly regarded by elected officials and staffers
- Commissioner McKenna noted that the effects of re-districting were discussed at last week's Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) conference
- Commissioner McKenna gave kudos to Lisa Sanders for consistently supporting the Board's travel and scheduling requests

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

- Janet Jaspers will provide an update on the current status of organized markets

Delegation of Action Items

- Justin Erickson will investigate whether there is an American flag on display at Chelan Falls Powerhouse Park

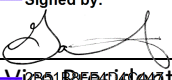
Executive Session

President McKenna convened an executive session at approximately 11:20am 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) and to review the performance of a public employee, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 90 minutes.

Regular Session Reconvened at 12:49pm

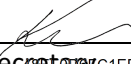
Vice President Arseneault confirmed no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session


There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm

Signed by: 
Vice President

Commissioner

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President

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Secretary

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Commissioner