

Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington August 1, 2022

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 August 1, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Commissioners present: Steve McKenna, President
Garry Arseneault
Dennis Bolz (by phone)
Ann Congdon
Randy Smith (by phone)

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

Guests present: Laura Gloria, City of Wenatchee, and Nelson Davis, Consultant
Kelly Allen, Malachi Salcido, Dorry Foster, Linda Haglund, Stacie de Mestre, Steve Robinson, Emily Thornton, Carnan Bergren

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/HPI Minute

- Maura Gillin, Senior Management Analyst, led the pledge and provided information on the integration of HPI principles into asset management

Agenda

- Resolutions 10 and 11 were moved to consent; the agenda was approved as revised

Quarterly Electric Load Growth Update

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Chad Rissman, Director Distribution Asset Management, and Andy Wendell, Director Customer Service/Stakeholder Outreach, presented the quarterly load growth forecast information
- New construction and redevelopment remain strong
- As certainty around new large loads increases, revised forecast will be forthcoming
- Load growth projections are for organic growth; large loads have related infrastructure improvements

Fifth Street Redevelopment

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Dan Frazier, Director Shared Services, provided the redevelopment team's recommendation to short-list two proposals and gather additional information

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To approve the recommendation of the Fifth Street Redevelopment Evaluation Team to shortlist Steinhauer Properties Inc and GTS Development LLC for further development and evaluation of their proposals for the Fifth Street PUD Campus Redevelopment Project

Approved: 4 in favor, 1 opposed

Puget Power Sales Agreement Update

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Janet Jaspers, Director Energy Planning and Trading, provided information on the first amendment to the 2006 Puget Power Sales agreement
- Reviewed background information and amendment highlights; would be retroactive to January 1, 2022 for compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)
- Will bring back to Commissioners a resolution to authorize execution of the first amendment

Confluence Parkway Due Diligence

(see Chelan PUD website for presentation)

- Michelle Smith, Director Hydro Licensing and Compliance, reviewed a graphic showing proposed walls and berms to separate the trail from Confluence Parkway
- The District continues to work through the NEPA process and continues to provide comments

Public Comment

- Danny Gold, Hydro Mechanic, expressed concern to Commissioners regarding changes in the safety program

Consent Agenda

(see Chelan PUD website for resolutions)

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

- Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated July 27, 2022:
 - Vouchers totaling \$21,867,802.98;
 - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period July 13, 2022 through July 26, 2022 in the amount of \$14,234.67.
 - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 237892 through 237902 and Advice Nos. 738949 through 739775 for the pay period ending July 17, 2022 in the amount of \$2,442,030.54.
 - Approval of Warrant Nos. 28663 through 28701 totaling \$30,462.53 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending July 25, 2022.
 - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period July 13, 2022 through July 26, 2022 in the amount of \$1,435.00.
- Resolution 10. A RESOLUTION APPROVING BID ADVERTISEMENT, AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE POWER TRANSFORMERS FOR THE SUBSTATION TO SERVE MICROSOFT (BID NO. 22-12422)
- Resolution 11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING BID ADVERTISEMENT, AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR THE SUPPLY OF CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR THE SUBSTATION TO SERVE MICROSOFT (BID NO. 22-12423)

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To accept the consent agenda as revised to include Resolutions 10 and 11

Approved: Unanimously

Manager Items

- John Stoll, Managing Director Customer Utilities, provided an update on impacts of recent high temperatures
 - The system has handled the high temperatures well
 - The highest winter peak was 491MW, while Thursday's peak load was 275MW
 - There were a few cable outages, related to hot weather, but most issues are still animal related
 - During extreme heat there is a moratorium on disconnects
- Bob Shane, Managing Director Fiber and Telecommunications, alerted Commissioners to an upcoming fiber survey
 - Will be conducting a fiber survey to determine what we are doing well and what we can improve
 - The survey will be conducted online through SurveyMonkey; anticipate results in about a month

Commissioner Travel

- Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board, reviewed upcoming Commissioner travel

Commissioner Items

- Mid-C General Managers and Commissioners Meeting

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To set a special meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 5:30 pm at Orchard Bar + Bites, 1229 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee for the purpose of holding a Mid-C Commissioners and General Managers meeting

Approved: Unanimously

- Commissioner Smith noted that he, along with Commissioner Bolz, had the privilege to attend a meeting with representatives from the Yakama Nation

Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 7/18/22 Board meeting

- Rebekah Neumann will add Climate Commitment Act to the next board workshop agenda – completed 7/18/22
- Mike Bradshaw will determine if Climate Commitment Act administrative allowances can be included in credits – completed via email on 7/21/22

Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from previous Board meeting

- Alex Dunn will review customer service data on satisfaction levels of renters with average bills over \$75. Alex will also provide information on what percentage of customers were reached on a cell phone vs landline. – completed via email on 7/21/22
- Rebekah Neumann will work with Commissioner McKenna to schedule the WPUDA visit with Commissioners – scheduled for 9/6/22

Delegation of Action Items

- Rebekah Neumann will add environmental attributes, carbon credits, and resource adequacies to the next board workshop agenda – completed 8/1/22
- Rebekah Neumann will coordinate tours for Commissioners Congdon and Arseneault

Recess at 12:05pm, Reconvene at 1:00pm


Executive Session

President McKenna 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) , to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause the likelihood of decreased price, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and to review the performance of a public employee, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 3 hours.

Regular Session Reconvened at 4:06pm

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


There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06pm

President 

Vice President

Secretary

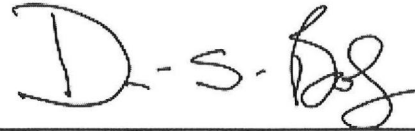
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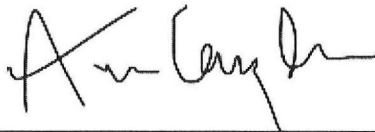
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Garry Arseneault - Board Member
Approved on 8/23/2022 10:57AM PDT



Dennis Bolz - Board Member
Approved on 8/17/2022 12:36PM PDT



Ann Congdon - Board Member
Approved on 8/19/2022 11:15AM PDT