

## Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington August 18, 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 August 18, 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:** Steve Keene

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute**

- Shawn Mann, Senior Safety & Health Coordinator, led the pledge and provided information on the importance of building relationships and trustworthiness

### **Agenda**

- Resolutions 12 and 13 were moved to the consent agenda; the agenda was approved as revised

### **Cycle of Personal Ownership (CPO) Recognition**

- Kirk Hudson, General Manager, and Commissioners recognized July winners Trent Grigsby, Control Systems Engineer IV, Hardy Thayer, Senior Electrical Engineer II, and Marc Pothier, Power Systems Technical Coordinator

### **Visitor Services Update**

- Kristin Lodge, Visitor Services Manager, provided an update on Visitor Services activities/events and number of visitors
- Recognized Bob Bauer, Outreach Education Specialist, for 22 years of service in advance of his upcoming retirement
- Introduced Chelsea Trout, who will take over as Outreach Education Specialist
- Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Bob for his service; Bob expressed his gratitude for his career at the PUD

### **Strategic Vision: Core Values**

- Justin Erickson, Chief Strategy and Stakeholder Officer, reviewed a draft of updated PUD core values
- Core values were developed by a cross-functional team with input from 300+ PUD employees
- Updated core values are: Trust, Safety, Stewardship, Collaboration and Courage
- Commissioners provided feedback on the proposed values, indicating their support
- Commissioner Bergren noted the importance of local control

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated August 12, 2025;
  - Vouchers totaling \$16,111,313.07;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period July 29, 2025 through August 11, 2025 in the amount of \$70,527.23.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238814 through 238821 and Advice Nos. 804579 through 805453 for the pay period ending July 27, 2025 in the amount of \$3,017,903.25.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 33482 through 33516 totaling \$25,588.53 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending August 11, 2025.
- Resolution 9. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15018 RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER BID NO. 23-12920 WITH THERMOFIN, INC. OF QUEBEC CANADA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 10. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15019 RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NOS. 2 AND 3, AUTHORIZING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT NO. 24-13434 WITH NORTHWEST STEEL FABRICATION, INC. OF DEER PARK, WA AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE BOND IN LIEU OF RETAINAGE
- Resolution 12. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15021 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT (SA NO. 16-034) WITH AON CONSULTING, INC TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTING SERVICES
- Resolution 13. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15022 APPROVING BID ADVERTISEMENT, AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR UNIT PRICE DIRECTIONAL DRILLING UTILITY INSTALLATION (BID NO. 25-14242)

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Smith

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve the consent agenda as revised to include Resolutions 12 and 13

Approved: Unanimously

### **Resolution 11**

- Mitch Clark, Senior Project Manager, presented Resolution 11
- Resolution 11. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15020 RATIFYING FIELD WORK ORDER/CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-19 AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF FIELD WORK ORDER/CHANGE ORDER NO. 4-03, FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH UNITS UNDER CONTRACT NO. 14-22 WITH VOITH HYDRO, INC. OF YORK, PA FOR ROCKY REACH UNITS C-8 THROUGH C-11 TURBINE REPAIRS

### **Resolution 14**

- Justin Erickson presented Resolution 14
- Resolution 14. RESOLUTION NO. 25-15023 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (SA 25-14492) WITH THE CITY OF CHELAN

**MOTION**

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Smith

To approve Resolutions 11 and 14 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

**Commission Items**

- Commissioner Smith shared a story about the District considering reusing some parts at Rock Island made of lignum vitae wood; Commissioner Smith saw one of these trees during his recent travels in the Amazon basin

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 8/4/25 Board meeting**

- Dan Koch will look for an opportunity for Commissioners to meet apprenticeship program graduates

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from Previous meetings**

- (2/18/25) Janet Jaspers will share information on anticipated staffing impacts at Bonneville Power Administration related to Executive Orders – completed via email on 8/15/25

**Delegation of Action Items**

- None


**Executive Session**

President McKenna convened an executive session at approximately 11:40am 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 60 minutes.

**Regular Session Reconvened at 12:41pm**

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 12:41pm

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