

**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington  
September 5, 2023**

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 September 5, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

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

**Staff present:** Kirk Hudson, General Manager  
Daniel Appel, Acting General Counsel  
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board  
Various staff

**Guests present:** Emily Thornton

**Call to Order**

- President Smith called the meeting to order at 10:03am

**Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/HPI Minute**

- Lacy Stockton, Energy Efficiency Marketing Strategist, led the pledge and provided information on wildfire smoke

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved as presented

**Quarterly Electric Load Growth Update**

- Andy Wendell, Director Customer Service / Stakeholder Outreach, and Chad Rissman, Director Distribution Asset Management, provided a quarterly report on key load metrics and substation activities
- Residential construction remains relatively steady with indications of slightly slower build pace
- Forecasting 800+ new residential electrical services this year
- New electrical vehicle charging station infrastructure emerging in all areas
- No material shift away from substation build plan
- Planned utility infrastructure investments are positioned well to meet demands of growth in water, electric, wastewater, and fiber

**PURPA Public Hearing Setting**

- Andrew Grassell, Energy Development / Conservation Manager, reviewed electric vehicle and demand response ratemaking standards and set a public hearing date

- Staff recommends not adopting the standards as the new standards identified in the 2021 Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is not in the best interest of customer-owners
- Not adopting the standards does not prevent the Board from acting on them at a later date
- By not adopting now, the Board retains flexibility to consider standards in the future when staff learns more
- Next steps include a public hearing on Monday, September 18

### Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated August 29, 2023:
  - Vouchers totaling \$27,844,109.47;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period August 15, 2023 through August 28, 2023 in the amount of \$73,134.68.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 238240 through 238254 and Advice Nos. 761627 through 762468 for the pay period ending August 13, 2023 in the amount of \$2,602,312.63.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 29986 through 30066 totaling \$32,021.14 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending August 28, 2023.
  - Approval of Parks Reservation System customer refunds for the period August 15, 2023 through August 28, 2023 in the amount of \$3,395.00.

#### MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Allen

Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault

To approve the consent agenda as presented

Approved: Unanimously

### Resolution 8

- Ron Slabaugh, Water/Wastewater Manager, presented Resolution 8
- Resolution 8. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM METHOD OF CHARGING IN LIEU OF ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTIES REQUESTING CONNECTION TO LOCAL UTILITY DISTRICTS AND RESCINDING AND SUPERCEDING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH

#### MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner McKenna

To approve Resolution 8 as presented

Approved: Unanimously

### Manager Item

- Kristin Lodge, Visitor Services Manager, provided information on the upcoming Salmon Fest
  - Saturday, September 23, 10:00am – 5:00pm, at Rocky Reach dam
  - Noted opportunities for education and reviewed safety measures
- Kirk Hudson, General Manager, provided information on the upcoming Service Center Grand Opening
  - Saturday, October 7, 10:00am – 2:00pm, at the Service Center, 203 Olds Station Road

### Commissioner Travel

- Lisa Sanders, Legal Office Administrator, reviewed upcoming Commissioner travel

### Commissioner Items

- 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION

Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault

Seconded by: Commissioner McKenna

To approve the modified regular Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2024 to accommodate holidays and industry meetings by moving the following meetings:

- January 2, 2024 to January 8, 2024
- January 15, 2024 to January 22, 2024

All meetings to be held in the service center board room, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, WA and all to commence at 10:00 am unless further modified by future Board action.

Approved: Unanimously

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 8/21/23 Board meeting**

- None

**Delegation of Action Items**

- None

**Recess @ 11:53am, Reconvene @ 1:00pm**

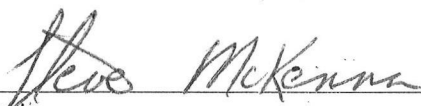
**Executive Session**


President Smith 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) and 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) for approximately 60 minutes.

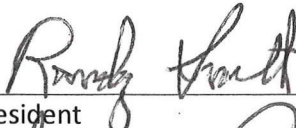
**Regular Session Reconvened at 2:00pm**

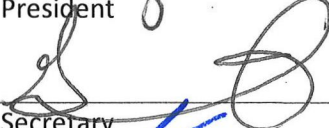
President Smith stated no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session

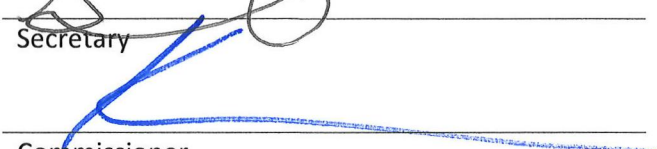
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

  
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