

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)
of the Commission
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
September 27, 2022**

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held at Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, on September 27, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:

Steve McKenna, Commissioner
Ann Congdon, Commissioner (by phone)
Randy Smith, Commissioner
Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Rachel Hansen, Senior Communications Strategist
Andrew Grassell, Energy Dev/Conservation Manager
Kelli Scott, Government/External Affairs Pgm Mgr

**Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
Commissioners and Staff present:**

JC Baldwin, Commissioner
Donn Etherington, Commissioner
Alan Loeb sack, Commissioner
Jim Huffman, Commissioner
Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner
Jim Kuntz, Executive Director
Sarah Deenik, Communications
Bobbie Chatriand

Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:

Bob Bugert, Commissioner
Kevin Overbay, Commissioner
Tiffany Gering, Commissioner
Sasha Sleiman, Housing Program Coordinator
Stephen Rinaldi, Fire Marshal
Jill FitzSimmons

Others present:

Senator Brad Hawkins
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor
Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
Frank Kuntz, Wenatchee Mayor
Jerrilea Crawford, East Wenatchee Mayor
Steve Wilkinson, Wenatchee Valley Chamber
Dr. Patrick Jones, Eastern Washington University
Becky Berg, Eastmont School District
Emily Thornton, Wenatchee World
Bill Tenneson
Tom Green
Ed Brooks

Call To Order

- President Steve McKenna called the meeting to order at 1:04pm
- Justin Erickson led the pledge of allegiance

Regional Aquatic Center Proposal

- Senator Brad Hawkins reviewed possible options for a regional aquatic center
- Proposed financing would be through voter-approved tax at one-tenth or two-tenths of a percent
- Mayor Frank Kuntz reported on costs of repairing the Wenatchee City Pool boiler; project is awaiting bids and a city council vote

Chelan County Economic Conditions

- Dr. Patrick Jones, Eastern Washington University, reviewed data on chelandouglastrends.com

- Reviewed what is happening in economic and demographic trends; noted a challenging labor force

Tri-Commission Updates

- Chelan County PUD
 - Public Power Benefit Program - Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services
 - Eligibility and requirements considerations for projects
 - Solicitation, review, and evaluation process
 - Recently funded projects
 - Stehekin Update – Andrew Grassell, Energy Development/Conservation Manager
 - Overview of the Stehekin system including limitations, customer feedback and next steps
- Chelan County Commission
 - Stephen Rinaldi, Chelan County Fire Marshal, reported on water requirements for fire flow and a recent project using buried water tanks to mitigate water flow needs
 - Would like to spread this project throughout the county to assist with firefighting efforts
 - Goal is to use public property for tanks
 - Broadband Action Team – Commissioner Kevin Overbay
 - Provided information on need for a local Broadband Action Team
 - Lack of resource availability
 - Suggested consideration of contracting with NCW Tech Alliance for assistance
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
 - Airport Update – Jim Kuntz, Executive Director
 - Reviewed current and upcoming airport improvement projects
 - Runway will be closed November 9-11 for electrical work
 - A new hangar will be built by the Army National Guard; relocating Washington headquarters to Douglas County bringing about 100 jobs
 - Alaska Air will begin E175 jet service on December 1
 - The CDRPA is now a half owner of the Chelan airport; stressed the need for a water line to serve the area

Insights from the Mayors

- Frank Kuntz, Wenatchee Mayor, reported that Confluence Parkway is moving forward
 - Working on issue of increased homelessness
- Sasha Sleiman, East Wenatchee City Council, noted the police department is moving to 50 Simon Street
- Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
 - Noted the importance of the airport and affordable housing
 - Noted costly lawsuits are not fully covered by insurance and deplete the City's resources
- Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor, noted that Saturday is Apple Days in Cashmere

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

President



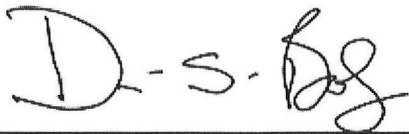
Secretary



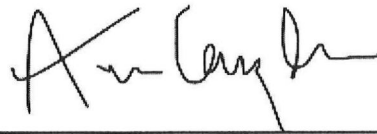
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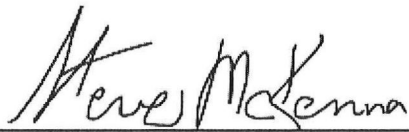
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Dennis Bolz - Board Member
Approved on 10/24/2022 3:30PM
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Ann Congdon - Board Member
Approved on 10/21/2022 8:26AM
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Steve McKenna - Board Member
Approved on 10/18/2022 7:43PM
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