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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington October 26, 2026

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held at the Leavenworth PUD Office, 222 Chumstick Highway, Leavenworth, Washington, on October 26, 2026, at the hour of 5:30 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

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

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

Guests: 10 members of the public

Call To Order

- President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- Justin Erickson, Chief Strategy and Stakeholder Officer, led the pledge of allegiance

2027 – 2031: Five-Year Integrated Utility Rate Plan

- Mark Mullins, Director Enterprise Planning, Risk & Analytics, and Nathan Townsend, Manager Strategic Financial Planning, reviewed a proposed five-year integrated utility rate plan
- Highlighted proposed rates, funding method and annual review process
  - Proposed rates are: no change for Fiber, 2.5% for water, 4% for wastewater, and 5% for retail electric
- The plan is designed around one methodology, not one rate
- The proposed 5-year plan would include an annual process for the Board to approve the rate plan, operating budget, capital budget and funding plan creating one coordinated framework for financial operating targets, service-specific rates, capital priorities and funding
- Reviewed year one funding approach to set systems up for success

Public Comments

- Craig Johnson, Lake Wenatchee – question about potential loss of surplus market
  - Only want to recognize it as an uncertainty; cost can fluctuate and is outside of our control
  - Kirk Hudson, General Manager, noted that we recognized during development of the 2075 vision that we need to be prepared for a variety of future scenarios
- Larry Peterson, Plain – is there a consideration for a water rate structure that does not focus on conservation?
- Rusty Rise, Chumstick Community Fire – expressed dissatisfaction with $25 advanced meter opt-out fee
- Lisi Ott, Lake Wenatchee – are these rates reflecting the results of the survey where the District asked whether customers preferred small incremental rate increases versus larger increases when needed?
  - Yes, this is in response to that survey and preference
- Public comment period is open through November 16

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There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

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