

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)
of the Commission
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
December 13, 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 December 13, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:

Steve McKenna, Commissioner President
Garry Arseneault, Commissioner (by phone)
Randy Smith, Commissioner
Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Bob Shane, Managing Director Fiber & Telecom
Jennifer Pickel, Business Manager

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

JC Baldwin, Commissioner
Donn Etherington, Commissioner
Richard DeRock, Commissioner
Alan Loeb sack, Commissioner
Jim Huffman, Commissioner
Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner
Monica Lough, Director of Finance

Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:

Bob Bugert, Commissioner
Kevin Overbay, Commissioner
Tiffany Gering, Commissioner
Sasha Sleiman, Housing Program Coordinator
Shon Smith, Commissioner-Elect

Others present:

Senator Brad Hawkins
Representative Mike Steele (by phone)
Representative Keith Goehner
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor
Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor
Carl Florea, Leavenworth Mayor
Steve Wilkinson, Wenatchee Valley Chamber
Malachi Salcido

Call To Order

- President Steve McKenna called the meeting to order at 1:03pm and led the pledge of allegiance

Legislative Update

- Senator Brad Hawkins thanked departing commissioners for their service
 - The legislative session will begin on Jan. 9, run for 105 days, and will be held in-person in Olympia
 - Focus is on three budgets: operating, transportation, and capital
 - Inflation impacts remain to be seen, but don't anticipate major changes; cost pressures may impact the capital budget
 - Senator Hawkins will be in a temporary office while their building is demolished and rebuilt
 - The Senator introduced his new legislative assistant, Elizabeth Popoff
- Representative Mike Steele noted his continued work on the capital budget
 - The Governor has set a priority for Western State Hospital funding
 - Also focusing on the Public Works Trust Fund and funding for Chelan Municipal Airport

- Representative Keith Goehner noted changes in District boundaries and competing interests within the new boundary along with logistical challenges
 - Similar concerns for communities along Hwy 2; the Climate Commitment Act is anticipated to provide additional funding
 - Focus on local government, transportation, and environment
 - Grid reliability and resource adequacy need to be addressed as we move toward electrification
 - Hope to create more flexibility in affordable housing process for local government

2023 Legislative Priorities

- The top three priorities remain the same as last year:
 - Public Works Trust Fund
 - Rob Jammerman, City of Wenatchee, has been appointed to the Board
 - Thank you to legislators for efforts to save the fund
 - Broadband Funding
 - The PUD continues to look for funding opportunities and partnerships; encouraging that minimal coverage standards have been raised, making more areas eligible for funding
 - Goal is to reach 85% of the county by the end of 2026
 - The State Broadband Office has hired a consultant to help get dollars out; the PUD is working with them
 - Regional Infrastructure – Second Water Source
 - Need for redundancy and growth capacity
 - Will need help identifying and securing funding
- It was also noted that affordable housing remains a high priority for local counties and cities

Tri-Commission Updates

- Chelan County PUD
 - Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services, provided updates on Fifth Street Redevelopment, 2023 capital projects, substation work, and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
- Chelan County Commission
 - Commissioner Overbay reporting on funding distribution, 2023 budget, and development of an opioid abatement committee funded by settlement dollars
 - Appreciates partnerships with the Port and PUD
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
 - Monica Lough, Director of Finance, reported on capital projects: CTC 3rd floor restoration, water line extension in Malaga, airport taxiway project, terminal remodel, and Pangborn business park trades district
 - A water line extension is planned for the Chelan airport and a lighting project at the Waterville airport
 - New planes will be deployed to Wenatchee in mid-January, which will help with the pilot shortage

Insights from the Mayors

- Bob Goedde, Chelan Mayor, noted the budget is complete and appreciated working with the Port
- Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor, appreciated that everyone here works together; great example of informal regionalization
- Carl Florea, Leavenworth Mayor, noted their highest priority remains affordable housing

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.



Vice President

Commissioner

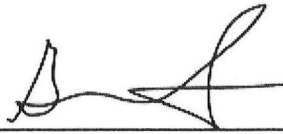


President

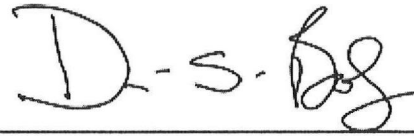
Secretary



Commissioner



Garry Arseneault - Board Member
Approved on 12/22/2022 9:17AM
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Dennis Bolz - Board Member
Abstained on 12/21/2022 8:23PM
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