

**Minutes of the Special Meeting (Chelan County Tri-Commission)  
of the Commission  
of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington  
March 26, 2023**

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held at Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 N Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, on March 26, 2024, at the hour of 1:00 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

**Chelan PUD Commissioners and Staff present:**

Randy Smith, Commissioner President  
Carnan Bergren, Commissioner  
Steve McKenna, Commissioner  
Kelly Allen, Commissioner  
Kirk Hudson, General Manager  
Justin Erickson, Managing Director District Services  
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board  
Andrew Grassell  
Kelli Scott

**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  
Jim Kuntz, Chief Executive Officer  
Mikenna Scott, Executive Assistant  
Sarah Deenik  
Brooke Lammert  
Trent Moyers  
David Martin

**Chelan County Commissioners and Staff present:**

Kevin Overbay, Commissioner  
Shon Smith, Commissioner  
Anabel Torres, Clerk of the Board  
Mike Kaputa  
Ron Cridlebaugh

**Others present:**

Erin McCardle, Chelan Mayor  
Carl Florea, Leavenworth Mayor  
Jim Fletcher, Cashmere Mayor  
Mike Poirier, Wenatchee Mayor  
Jerrilea Crawford, East Wenatchee Mayor  
Steve Wilkinson, Wenatchee Chamber  
Brandt Cappell, Rep. Goehner's Office  
Ruby Gaston, Rep. Schrier's Office  
Nick Covey, Link Transit  
Bob Goedde  
Emily Thornton, Wenatchee World  
Malachi Salcido, Salcido Group  
Steve Keene, Peshastin Water & Community Council  
Kasey Safford, NCWLife

**Call To Order**

- President McKenna called the meeting to order at 1:04pm; Commissioner Etherington led the pledge of allegiance

**ClimaVision**

- Jim Kuntz reminded the group of the Central Washington radar gap; no coverage below 10k feet on the northeastern slope of the Cascades
- Introduced Tara Leigh Goode with Climavision

- Founded by weather industry experts; provides weather intelligence and analytics
- Plan to install 200 radars over the next 4 years
- 26 systems live in 14 states; install 2 radars per month
- Make sure data is available to National Weather Service, especially the forecast offices
  - Cooperative research agreement
  - Data accessed through contract for use now by forecast offices
- Plan to install 35 radars this year, including 2 in Washington, which are currently in the siting phase
- Private/public partnership to a public health issue
- Focus on x-band radar, due to absence of frequency interference and ease of siting
- Further discussed site selection criteria; next step is to find a site
  - A site needs utilities for power and data needs
  - Prefer to use existing structures
  - Cannot measure temperature, but can very accurately measure precipitation

### **Tri-Commission Updates**

- Chelan County Commission
  - Community meetings held recently to provide information to constituents; plan to do that twice per year
  - Stehekin Sustainability
    - Mike Kaputa and Ron Cridlebaugh noted they've kicked off the Stehekin Community Plan
    - Community-driven effort to put together a plan to address concerns in various areas; create a sustainability plan
    - Anticipate a 2- to 3-day community event, likely in June
  - Determine what needs to be done along with impacts to build a stable, resilient community
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
  - Data center development
    - Working hard in Malaga on the Microsoft project
      - Microsoft has selected a general contractor, who will start in the next couple months
      - Planning for 6 buildings, if final rezoning is completed
      - Port is building \$41M of infrastructure in Malaga Water System, funded by Microsoft
      - Port is also building \$20M in cooling water infrastructure
    - Pangborn
      - Reconstructing GA building at Pangborn; hope to be out to bid in the next 30 days
      - Trades district project being rebid; funded by \$4M in federal funding
      - Starting phase 1 of hangar construction for Airlift Northwest
    - Economic Development Partners Meeting on Thursday
      - Two substantial announcements
      - Breakfast session and lunch session; Congresswoman Schrier will attend the lunch session
    - Chamber of Commerce - thanks to Steve Wilkinson for running a taskforce on commercial air service
    - Sports Complex study is underway
      - District size and tax is yet to be determined, as well as when it may go to the public for a vote
      - Thanks to Mayor Crawford for her help on this project
- Chelan County PUD
  - Strategic Visioning
    - Shifting to a 50-year strategic visioning process
      - Commissioner McKenna invited the group to participate on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the strategic planning kickoff event; invites will be going out later this week along with a survey
      - Kirk Hudson noted that while we would normally get one interconnection application each year, we currently have four applications for hundreds of megawatts

- Washington State is the battlefield of hydropower – Representative Schrier recently awarded the legislator of the year award from National Hydropower Association
- Project Updates
  - Substation buildout
    - Commissioning the North Shore substation in Chelan
    - Looking for our next site in that area – around Roses/Dry Lake
    - Bavarian substation is in the permitting process
  - Riverfront Park / Walla Walla Park Enhancements – opening bids today for major projects this summer
  - Service Center – one of the last remaining groups moved in this week
    - Planning an opportunity for tours of the remaining areas of the Service Center campus
  - Advance Meter project is nearing completion – about 99% of meters have been replaced
  - Peshastin Water District – in the home stretch; closing date is today
  - Erosion control in Chelan along the Riverwalk Park area

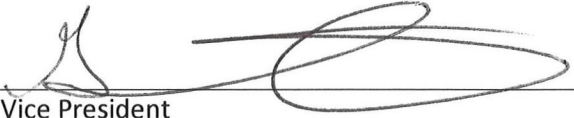
### **Insights From the Mayors**

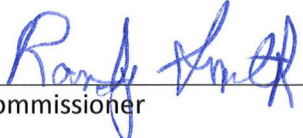
- Mike Poirier, Wenatchee
  - Making progress on Confluence Parkway
  - Convention Center upgrade will start in May and take about 15 months
- Erin McCardle, Chelan
  - Thanks to Wenatchee Fire Department and PUD for their assistance with the recent Apple Cup fire
  - Visited Washington DC to discuss various issues including East Chelan water reservoir, North Shore pathways project
    - Thanks to Rep. Schrier for \$9M request to support the East Chelan project
  - Airport expansion – April 16 meeting with stakeholders to further discuss expansion
  - Chelan water line – was fully funded and is in permitting/design; anticipate beginning construction in 2025
  - Thanks to PPB funding from Chelan PUD for funding of 3 ballfields; in discussion with various stakeholders to create a tournament hub
- Jim Fletcher, Cashmere
  - Thank you for opportunity to sit in and hear all the projects underway
- Carl Florea, Leavenworth
  - Pleased with legislative support for Marson affordable housing
  - WSU municipal research will study tourism throughout the state and how it affects housing
  - RFP to go out to transform Front Street from a closed street to a pedestrian mall
  - Great to hear about solutions proposed by ClimaVision
- Jerrilea Crawford, East Wenatchee
  - Comprehensive plan survey is online; planning period is 2026 – 2050

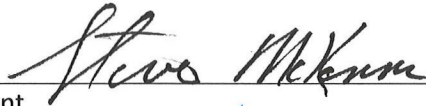
### **Commissioner Comments**

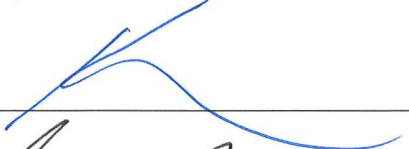
- Commissioner Randy Smith – great opportunity for all of us to hear this information; theme of how we're working better together
- Commissioner DeRock – future topic idea - ask cities and counties to give updates on development plans

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

  
Vice President

  
Commissioner

  
President

  
Secretary

  
Commissioner