

June 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of PUD No. One of Wahkiakum County, Washington was held on the above date with Board President Robert Jungers presiding. Also in attendance were Board Vice President Dennis Reid, Board Secretary Eugene Healy, General Manager Daniel Kay, Auditor Erin Wilson, Attorney Tim Hanigan, Secretary Katie Thomas, Secretary Desiree Conroy, and Northwest River Partners Executive Director Kurt Miller.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Town Councilman Robert Stowe, Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman, and the general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Healy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Healy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 17, 2022 as submitted and Commissioner Reid seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCES:**

With regard to the following electric and water vouchers submitted by Auditor Erin Wilson, Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve the vouchers for electric and water as submitted. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion. Commissioner Reid commented the commissioners had time to review the finances and were ready to approve. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved:       \$ 252,573.51

**PRESENTATION: Kurt Miller, Executive Director of Northwest River Partners (NWRP) – Update Lower Snake River Dams**

Northwest River Partners Executive Director Kurt Miller presented the purpose, goals, and challenges of Northwest River Partners. Mr. Miller also covered safety concerns if the power grid failed due to extreme weather and the unreliability of solar and wind power. Discussion ensued.

Kurt Miller exited the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Town Councilman Robert Stowe reported the high school robotics team came in second place overall in their first national competition in Washington, D.C.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Jungers confirmed the PUD is not a member of NWRP at this time. Discussion ensued regarding possible membership to NWRP and if the dues amount fits within the current budget. Auditor Wilson will review the costs and add the topic to the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

**Long Range Planning**

Manager Kay reported he is working on more than one “spoke” of the long range planning “wheel” at a time, with succession planning a priority.

**REPORTS:**

*Manager Kay:*

Manager Kay reported he has been participating in an educational series with Auditor Wilson.

Manager Kay stated he will follow up with Gray & Osborne regarding the hydrogeology study.

Manager Kay reported National Wood Treating Company has completed the pole testing and treating in the west end of the county. There are 3,630 poles in the system, and the reject rate is 2.4%. Commissioner Reid commented the pole facility in Longview seems to have a large supply of poles piled up. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported there are many grant opportunities available but it is time-consuming to sift through.

Manager Kay reported Wahkiakum West has strung a portion of the messenger lines in the west end with fiber networking to follow.

Manager Kay reported the Wahkiakum Wi-Fi network has been renamed to Cathlamet Public Wi-fi. Crews will hang an additional transmitter to harden up the signal. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported the water crew will fix a leak in Skamokawa with new pipe. The crew had to wait on the repair for the tides to be right.

Manager Kay reported one recent power outage and hopes the customer was satisfied with the repair.

***Auditor Wilson:***

Auditor Wilson reported she attended insurance meetings at Pacific Underwriters and discussed wildfire and cyber coverages, and potential ways to mitigate costs. Discussion ensued.

***Commissioner Healy:***

Commissioner Healy reported he attended or will attend the following meetings:

June 1 and 2-Attended PPC Members' forum and executive committee meeting.  
June 15-PPC in-person meeting; Commissioner Healy may not attend as Manager Kay will be going.

***Commissioner Reid:***

Commissioner Reid reported he will attend the first in-person WPUDA meeting in two years next month in Wenatchee.

Commissioner Reid reported he will attend the quarterly water committee meeting June 23 online.

***Commissioner Jungers:***

Commissioner Jungers had no report at that time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2022.

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**Robert Jungers**, President

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**Dennis Reid**, Vice President

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**Eugene Healy**, Secretary