

January 21, 2025

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, Cathlamet Mayor David Olson, and the following PUD employees: Jim Jespersen, Scott Cameron, Mark Elliott, David McNally, Kevin Vik, Cameron Elliott, Bruce McClain, and Janna Doumit.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

The general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Reid moved to approve the agenda as submitted and Commissioner Healy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Healy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 7, 2025, 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 moved to approve the vouchers for electric and water as submitted. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion. Commissioner Reid commented the commissioners received the vouchers to review prior to the meeting and were ready to vote. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$516,286.69

ACTION ITEM:

Resolution 1292—A Resolution Adopting January 21, 2025 as Jim Jespersen Day

Commissioner Reid moved to approve Resolution 1292 A Resolution Adopting January 21, 2025, as Jim Jespersen Day as prepared and Commissioner Healy seconded. Commissioner Reid commented they appreciated all his years of work and dedication. Discussion ensued. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Jespersen, Scott Cameron, Mark Elliott, David McNally, Kevin Vik, Cameron Elliott, Bruce McClain, and Janna Doumit exited the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor David Olson provided a handout identifying Town Council issues regarding the consolidation and stated these were the bullet points he wanted to discuss at the joint meeting tomorrow. He also claimed if these points weren't discussed then there would be no point in the meeting.

Mayor Olson also pointed out the town attorney was reviewing if members of the Town Council were possibly having private meetings with PUD staff in conflict with state Conflict of Interest laws.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long-Range Planning

Manager Kay mentioned the joint meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. with Town Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Clark's presentation with Auditor Wilson.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay commented the legislative long session began January 13 and will continue to April 27. He and Commissioner Reid attended WPUDA meetings in Olympia last week. Discussion ensued regarding wildfire, low-income assistance, resource adequacy, electrification, and House Bill 1303.

Manager Kay reported Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez will be in Cathlamet at the end of January and would like to visit the PUD on January 29 to talk about projects. The commissioners would like to attend.

Manager Kay reported he received an email from Mike Johnson at Gray & Osborne stating Schneider has the materials to build the filter assembly. Mike also mentioned they should have the final draft of the consolidation study completed today.

Manager Kay reported temporary freeze-protection devices were installed on the Steamboat Slough bridge.

Manager Kay reported the electric crew is working on an overhead-to-underground conversion project near East Road. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported he will attend the Town Council meeting tonight.

Manager Kay reported he will attend the Westside General Managers' meeting in Shelton next week.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson echoed Manager Kay's comments regarding Jim Jespersen's dedication and noted Bruce McClain is very capable of taking over.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy reported he attended PPC meetings on January 8 and 9 via Zoom. Topics included Bonneville rates.

Commissioner Healy reported he attended the Wahkiakum Forum on January 14.

Commissioner Healy reported he attended the PPC "fuel meeting" on January 15 and provided a recap of executive committee topics.

Commissioner Healy reported he will attend the following meetings:

January 21—Town Council

January 22—Joint PUD/Town Council

January 23—Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments in Longview

January 29—Marie Gluesenkamp Perez

February 3—Town Council

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid provided the following WPUDA report:

- The WPUDA Water Committee is working on getting infrastructure exempted from the Freedom of Information Act. Discussion ensued.
- February 13 will be WPUDA Day on the Hill, with a BBQ lunch in the capitol building.
- WPUDA is developing an Energy Independence Act, but Commissioner Reid commented we are small and therefore not affected as much.
- There hasn't been a funding source for the low-income assistance program. Discussion ensued.
- The Department of Ecology will pay for required PFOS testing. Discussion ensued.
- Energy Northwest is forming a group to study geothermal energy.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported he attended the Energy Northwest meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Healy mentioned to Mayor Olson that he should contact Ora Lorrain Bower regarding the ferry celebration as she will be a good resource of information and should be involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor David Olson thanked Commissioner Healy for the ferry information. They plan on meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Little Island Creamery, followed by a ceremonial VIP ferry crossing. He is hoping the Oregon and Washington Governors attend the festivities. Discussion ensued.

ACTION ITEM:

Resolution No. 1293—A Resolution Adjusting the Compensation of the Manager of the District

Commissioner Reid moved to approve Resolution 1293 A Resolution Adjusting the Compensation of the Manager of the District and Commissioner Healy seconded. There was no public comment at that time. The motion passed 3-0.

MEETINGS & TRAVEL APPROVAL REQUIRED:

Commissioner Healy moved to approve travel for Manager Kay to attend the Utility Energy Forum in Cambria, CA on April 23-25, 2025, and Commissioner Reid seconded. Manager Kay reported he was awarded a \$1,200.00 scholarship that will cover registration, food, and lodging; he will cover the airfare. He also mentioned he was asked to give a presentation during the meetings. Discussion ensued. The motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

The next regular meeting is February 4, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the PUD meeting room.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2025.

Robert Jungers, President

Dennis Reid, Vice President

Eugene Healy, Secretary