

February 20, 2024

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 Eugene Healy presiding. Also in attendance were Board Vice President Robert Jungers, Board Secretary Dennis Reid, General Manager Daniel Kay, Auditor Erin Wilson, Attorney Tim Hanigan, Secretary Katie Thomas, and Town Councilpersons Laurel Waller and Jeanne Hendrickson.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

The general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted and Commissioner Jungers seconded for discussion. Commissioner Jungers requested a 20-minute executive session be added to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of current or proposed action, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The motion passed as amended 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jungers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 6, 2024, 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 Jungers seconded the motion. Commissioner Reid commented the board had ample time to review the vouchers by email and were ready to vote. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$325,819.74

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at that time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Reid commented he has brought this topic up before, but he would like \$100,000.00 set aside annually for advancements on the Deep River water system

expansion. Discussion ensued regarding the needs of the area, where current infrastructure is located, and funding possibilities.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long-Range Planning

Manager Kay pointed out to the commissioners the voucher for the 8-inch welder. It must be paid for first before the PUD will be reimbursed 80% for it.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported he will meet with west end customers tomorrow in Rosburg, along with Commissioner Reid, Attorney Tim Hanigan, and Water Foreman Jim Jespersion.

Manager Kay reported the Public Works Board finalized the Skamokawa Mainline and North Hull Creek Road projects last Friday. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported the State budget should be coming out this week, and he will hopefully know more soon about the Puget Island funding.

Manager Kay reported the Legislative session will conclude on March 7.

Manager Kay reported the electric crew has been able to finish several pole infrastructure projects due to the mild weather, along with several line extensions and new electric services.

Manager Kay provided a brief summary of the emerging energy issues that will be covered at the upcoming conference he will be attending in California. He also stated he applied for and received a scholarship for costs, airline fare, conference fee, and parking.

Manager Kay commented there weren't many Legislative Bills still active on the energy side and provided a brief review of those remaining.

Town Councilperson Laurel Waller exited the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Manager Kay reported there were more than 350 attendees at the WPUDA Day on the Hill last week. He had a chance to talk to Representatives regarding local issues including wildfire mitigation.

Manager Kay reported he will attend the Town of Cathlamet meeting tonight.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson commented she will send out a year-end financial review via email to the commissioners.

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid extended kudos to the electric crew for replacing the knocked-down power pole in East Valley without interrupting power service. The second digger derrick was useful in this instance to greatly improve safety and efficiency.

Commissioner Reid commented that during the recent cold snap, a utility had to pay \$980.00 per/megawatt hour as wind power and solar power were unavailable during the cold weather. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid commented state revenue is up \$1.3 billion but there are still new taxes. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported Energy Northwest is starting a project for 12 small modular reactors at Columbia Generating Station. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported Scott Wilson from BPA has reported this year will be an 80% water year and Canada has even less water. With BPA purchasing power during the recent cold spell, we probably won't be receiving a refund next year, but also probably won't have a CRAC. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. They were able to expand ticket sales for a very successful Crab Feed again this year.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy reported he attended the PPC meetings on February 8 and 9 via Zoom.

Commissioner Healy reported he will attend the Town of Cathlamet meeting tonight.

Commissioner Healy reported he will attend the Wahkiakum Forum on February 27.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 1284—A Resolution Adopting a Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) Policy of the District

Commissioner Reid moved to approve Resolution No. 1284 A Resolution Adopting a Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) Policy of the District as prepared. Commissioner Jungers seconded. There was no public comment at that time. The motion passed 3-0.

Town Councilperson Jeanne Hendrickson exited the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

MEETINGS & TRAVEL APPROVAL REQUIRED:

April 23-26, 2024 Utility Energy Forum - Cambria, CA - GM Dan Kay

Commissioner Reid moved to approve travel for Manager Kay to attend the Utility Energy Forum in Cambria, California on April 23-26, 2024, and Commissioner Jungers seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Healy recessed the regular meeting at 9:20 a.m. to enter into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of current or proposed action.

There is no action or decision expected.

The executive session was exited and the regular meeting re-entered at 9:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

The next regular meeting is March 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the PUD meeting room.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024.

Eugene Healy, President

Robert Jungers, Vice President

Dennis Reid, Secretary