

February 15, 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, Account Specialist Lia Sealund, Attorney Tim Hanigan, and Secretary Katie Thomas.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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 as submitted and Commissioner Healy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Healy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 1, 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 ample time to review the vouchers and were ready to proceed. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$ 109,808.36

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at that time.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Energy Efficiency Update – Lia Sealund

Account Specialist Lia Sealund provided an energy efficiency update covering the current biennium from October 2021 to September 2023. There is \$98,008.00 budgeted

to cover the two years. Completed and preapproved projects account for just over \$22,000.00 which is just under 25% of the budget and we are about 25% of the way through the biennium. Mrs. Sealund reviewed the current rebate programs, including ductless and heat pump/water heaters. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Sealund exited the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

The legislative session is halfway through. The cutoff day is today so the WPUDA meetings could be exciting.

House Bill 1816 Arrearage bill is currently \$100 million, although that amount may increase.

Senate Bill 5803 wildfire mitigation bill has changed from its original wording. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay will attend the WPUDA meetings on Thursday.

New customer requests have increased due to the weather.

Operations crews are working on replacing poles that were tested last year.

Water crews are continuing maintenance and leak detection on the West end.

Industry-wide material procurement has extremely long lead times and cost increases.

Commissioner Healy asked if the PUD orders poles from the pole yard in Longview on Industrial Way. Discussion ensued.

Jim Jespersen, Auditor Wilson, and Manager Kay have met with Gray & Osborne to discuss 2022 water projects.

Frank Mendez is a 3rd step apprentice and is doing a really good job progressing.

There have been no reported permanent outages, although last Wednesday there was a one-second BPA outage six miles from the Driscoll Substation. Discussion ensued.

Received a message to attend the new Town flag raising on Friday at noon.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson reported that she researched the effects of CETA low-income assistance but couldn't find any useful data to make a meaningful calculation at this time. She will keep researching.

Auditor Wilson stated she filed the annual privilege tax report. The PUD will pay \$93,348.00 at the end of month; more than fifty percent of that will come back to the county.

Commissioner Healy:

Feb. 2 and 3-PPC

Feb. 3-WPUDA legislative update and NoaNet broadband fundamentals

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid reported that he will attend various WPUDA meetings the rest of the week via zoom. He also stated this is an election year and will be running for reelection.

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 9:22 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2022.

Robert Jungers, President

Dennis Reid, Vice President

Eugene Healy, Secretary