

January 3, 2023

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

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 Jungers moved to approve the agenda as submitted 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 December 20, 2022 as submitted and Commissioner Jungers seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES:

With regard to the following electric and water vouchers submitted by Auditor Erin Wilson, Commissioner Jungers 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 study the vouchers and were ready to approve. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$228,942.85

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at that time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Reid commented it was the first day of his new term as commissioner and expressed appreciation for the voters.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long Range Planning

Manager Kay reported that he is continuing discussions with the auditor and working on succession planning. Auditor Wilson confirmed they are finalizing job descriptions as the water and customer service departments will have 100% turnover in the next five years due to retirements. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported a person approached him and commented he was impressed the PUD had no issues during the recent ice storm. Discussion ensued.

Organization Representatives

Auditor Wilson reviewed the current list of organizations and their representatives. Northwest River Partners currently does not have a representative or alternate. Their meetings coincide with PPC times and locations. Commissioner Reid nominated Commissioner Healy to be the Northwest River Partners representative as he is also the PPC rep. Commissioner Healy agreed to be the representative and Commissioner Jungers volunteered to be the alternate.

Auditor Wilson volunteered to be the alternate for the American Water Works Association.

Commissioner Reid volunteered to be the alternate for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum COG when Commissioner Healy is unavailable.

Commissioner Reid volunteered to be the alternate for the Energy Northwest board.

Manager Kay commented the PUD has not utilized the NWPPA programs for several years. He recognizes it as a valid organization but he's not seeing a lot of use at this time and recommends taking a year off from membership. Discussion ensued. The commissioners agreed to take a year off from membership and reevaluate next year.

Commissioner Healy moved to adopt the district organization representatives and alternates as submitted and Commissioner Jungers seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported the ice storm before Christmas knocked out power only in the Altoona Pillar Rock area, and equipment issues caused another outage. He also reported several customers lost power during the wind event and crews worked hard through the day and evening to restore power. Danger trees have been identified and proactive measures need to be taken. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported water crews identified and repaired two large water leaks. One leak was located at a commercial structure and the other was a 4-inch mainline pipe joint failure on the West end due to the ground shifting over the years. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay released a statement regarding substation security.

Manager Kay reported crews are busy finishing the new subdivision on Greenwood and new customer service installation.

Manager Kay commented the building door seals are leaking and recommended expanding the commissioner room improvements to include fixing the doors to prevent water leaks. He also mentioned the roof was replaced in 2008 but now has two leaks. He has contacted Roof Doctor for repairs. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported he will be attending the upcoming PPC and WPUDA meeting this week and next week.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson reported the remaining funds for arrearages had been received and applied to customer accounts.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported an energy lab in California was able to conduct a nuclear fusion energy experiment on December 5. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy reported he will listen to the Town Council meeting today.

Commissioner Healy reported he will attend the upcoming PPC meetings.

Commissioner Healy reported he will attend the legislative reception next week.

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid reported he will attend the WPUDA meeting in Olympia and the legislative reception next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

ACTION ITEMS

Designate WPUDA Voting Representatives (Primary & Alternate)

Commissioner Healy moved to designate Commissioner Reid as voting representative for WPUDA and Commissioner Healy as alternate. Commissioner Jungers seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

The next regular meeting is January 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the PUD meeting room.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2023.

Dennis Reid, President

Eugene Healy, Vice President

Robert Jungers, Secretary