

July 19, 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, Water Foreman Jim Jespersen and Bruce McClain.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Reid moved to approve the agenda as submitted and Commissioner Healy seconded the motion. Commissioner Reid commented he would need to leave the meeting at 9:30 a.m. for a prior scheduled appointment and the manager could cover his report if necessary. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Healy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 5, 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 they had ample time to review and were ready to approve. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$ \$169,037.04

Commissioner Jungers recessed the regular meeting at 8:33 a.m. for an indetermined time until Zoom could be reset to allow the public access to the meeting.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:37 a.m.

Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman, Mike Johnson from Gray & Osborne, and the general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

PRESENTATION – Mike Johnson – Gray & Osborne – Updates on PIWS Hydrogeology Report and WWWS Feasibility Study

Mike Johnson from Gray & Osborne reported that Aspect Consulting has reviewed the hydrogeology report and available well logs, and has determined that there is a reasonable possibility of available groundwater on Puget Island in useful amounts. Based

on local geology, there is a higher probability of finding water on the north side of the island. There is not enough information available yet to make a strong assessment of the water quality. Discussion ensued.

Jim Jespersen, Bruce McClain, and Mike Johnson exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman asked what the significance of 80-foot has to do with well drilling. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long Range Planning

Manager Kay stated he would have a fleet assessment draft available at the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Meeting Room Remodel – Scope of Work

Manager Kay is putting together a Scope of Work for upgrades to the meeting room. Anticipated upgrades include carpeting, paint, audio/visual components, chairs, signage, and windows. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported BPA released its version of the post-2028 white paper and PPC has released theirs. There are multiple upcoming meetings to discuss the reports.

Manager Kay reported he attended the WPUA meetings in Wenatchee last week. There will be a long legislative session next spring regarding maintaining local control and keeping mandates out of the way.

Commissioner Jungers moved up the Action Items so Commissioner Reid could participate in the discussion and voting.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve the bidding and ordering of a replacement digger/derrick line truck to be received and paid for at a future date

Commissioner Healy moved to approve requesting for bids and ordering a replacement digger/derrick line truck to be received and paid for at a future date and Commissioner

Reid seconded the motion. Commissioner Reid commented that this action was prudent as it could be three to five years before the truck is received. The motion passed 3-0.

Letter of Support for Town of Cathlamet/RCO Grant Application, WWRP Local Parks, Waterfront Park, Project DEV #22-1253

Auditor Wilson commented the letter of support was signed at previous meeting, but the grant manager has changed some of the information and requested new signatures on a new letter. Commissioner Healy moved to approve signing the revised letter for grant application and Commissioner Reid seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported arrearages are presenting a challenge as water and electric requests must go through the process on each side. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid exited the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Manager Kay reported the electric crews have completed several wet-area projects.

Manager Kay reported poles have been replaced on Puget Island.

Manager Kay reported crews have been trimming trees to reduce fire issues.

Manager Kay reported the water crew replaced 700-ft. of PVC with HDPE on Covered Bridge Road and fixed a leak they didn't know about.

Manager Kay reported Wahkiakum West is progressing now that they have the pole attachment design for East and Middle Valley.

Manager Kay reported he has met with COG regarding electric vehicle infrastructure funding and mandates. He would like to discuss with the Town and County any interest in a feasibility study for electric vehicle infrastructure for the area. Discussion ensued.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson reported she virtually attended an Office of Insurance Commission meeting regarding wildfire coverage. Surveys will be sent out to educate legislators as they set policy.

Auditor Wilson stated that she is starting the budget process with Manager Kay, and they noted the cost of goods and services has escalated, including insurance costs. Cyber security will drive costs up for professional services.

Auditor Wilson reported she is working on the annual summation segment for the annual trueup and rate setting with the town clerk. Rates are slightly higher this year than last year.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy had no report at that time.

Commissioner Healy requested a graph plotting the past 12-24 months of the cost of power and transmission.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. They focused on preparation and execution of Bald Eagles Days.

Commissioner Jungers reported Energy Northwest is beginning negotiations for the purchase of spent nuclear fuel that will be recycled and reintroduced into a reactor to produce fuel. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2022.

Robert Jungers, President

Dennis Reid, Vice President

Eugene Healy, Secretary