

January 17, 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, Secretary Katie Thomas, and Town Councilman Robert Stowe.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

The general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman entered the meeting via Zoom at 8:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jungers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2023 as submitted and Commissioner Healy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES:

With regard to the following electric and water vouchers submitted by Auditor Erin Wilson, Commissioner Healy made a motion to approve the vouchers for electric and water as submitted. Commissioner Jungers seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held regarding the separate line items for the Town water charges and utility taxes. Commissioner Reid commented the commissioners had ample time to go through the vouchers and were ready to approve. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$358,673.08

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at that time.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long Range Planning

Manager Kay reported he had nothing new on long range planning.

Puget Island Small Water System Management Plan Conversion

Manager Kay reported he is working with Gray & Osborne and the Department of Health on the water plan which is set to expire soon. Discussion ensued regarding renewal options, costs, and funding.

Emergency Purchasing, Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements for Procurement of Supplies, Equipment, Materials and Parts

Manager Kay commented supply chain issues due to Covid, the war in Ukraine, and labor shortages, have made it difficult to keep materials like transformers and machine bolts in stock. Discussion ensued regarding competitive bidding, secondary conditions that could affect the efficiency of the district, reporting requirements, and a 2-year sunset clause in the forthcoming resolution.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported the new voltage regulators at the Cathlamet substation will be installed later today.

Manager Kay reported the water and electric crews are busy with new customer projects.

Manager Kay reported Energy NW has put together a team with a consultant to work on grant funding opportunities for utilities.

Manager Kay reported he has been working through pole attachment applications.

Manager Kay reported the Roof Doctor came out to patch five or six holes in the roof. The roof was last replaced in 2008 and will need to be replaced again in about five years.

Manager Kay reported BPA is trying to get the post-2028 draft contract out by July of this year. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported he will be meeting with Gluesenkamp Perez in Vancouver on Thursday.

Manager Kay reported he has emailed Mike Johnson at Gray & Osborne for an update on the research to find an alternative water source on the island.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson reported she received an email from FEMA classifying the November storm as an emergency. The District will also be receiving a reimbursement of approximately \$40,000.00 from the storm in January 2022.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week where topics included multi-event food vendor fee structure exemptions and exclusions, and the budget. Also discussed were details regarding the Crab & Oyster Feed.

Commissioner Jungers reported he will attend the Energy NW meeting next Wednesday in Olympia.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy reported he attended or will attend the following meetings:

- Jan. 3-Town Council meeting via Zoom
- Jan. 6-Broadband Action Team with WSU Extension via video call
- Jan. 10-Council of Governments
- Jan. 11-PPC forum via Zoom
- Jan. 12-Executive Committee
- Jan. 17-Town Council
- Jan. 19-will attend meeting with Gluesenkamp Perez
- Feb. 1 and 2-PPC meeting in person

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid reported he will attend the Gluesenkamp Perez meeting.

Commissioner Reid reported he attended the WPUDA meeting where legislative topics included federal funding requirements, analysis of the impact of electrification costs, grid reliability, and broadband funding. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported WPUDA will send a team to the APPA rally in Washington, D.C. in February to meet with delegates. The main topics will include: Snake River dams support, support for BPA, and the Columbia River Treaty. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman commented the District is receiving a refund from BPA and asked if there would be a time PUD customers would get money back or see lowered rates. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next regular meeting is February 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the PUD meeting room.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2023.

Dennis Reid, President

Eugene Healy, Vice President

Robert Jungers, Secretary