

April 5, 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, and Town Councilman Robert Stowe.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Wahkiakum Eagle Newspaper Reporter Diana Zimmerman, Steve Carson, 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 March 15, 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 study the vouchers and were ready to approve. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$ 194,485.00

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Carson thanked the PUD for its equipment and assistance with the public WiFi last week. Broadband is now available from the hotel to the library and up Columbia Street. The next phase is the southeast end of River Street by the Chamber of Commerce to the museum, including the PUD. He anticipates completing the project this month.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long Range Planning

Manager Kay confirmed with the commissioners what they are looking for to be covered by long range planning, including, but not limited to: customers, succession, personnel, safety, staffing levels, revenue, governmental and environmental compliance, and cash reserves. Commissioner Jungers would also like alternate resource supplies on both the water and electric sides investigated. Discussion ensued. The Board of Commissioners approved the manager to move forward with long range planning.

WWWS Expansion Feasibility Assessment Proposal

Manager Kay has reached out to Gray & Osborne regarding the WWWS Deep River expansion. The formal feasibility assessment will be \$9,600.00. Manager Kay requested in-house funding to pay for the assessment if specific grant funding could not be obtained/found. Discussion ensued. The commissioners approved in-house funding only if specific grant funding could not be obtained or found.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported that the pole-testing contractor has been busy on the west end. There have been no customer complaints regarding the testing crew. Commissioner Reid commented that he appreciated the crew identifying themselves with clearly marked vehicles.

Manager Kay provided an update on a few of the recent minor outages: a water outage March 28 on Highway 4 at Malone Road; a bird-related power outage at the marina; the recent bizarre weather knocked down small tree limbs causing a few minor outages on the West end.

Manager Kay reported that there is continued new customer growth and the water department is conducting ongoing leak detection.

Manager Kay reported that PPC released the post-2028 concept paper to BPA. Discussion ensued.

Manager Kay reported that he will attend the PPC meetings this week.

Manager Kay reported that he will virtually attend the WPUDA meetings next week.

Attorney Hanigan:

Attorney Hanigan provided a brief update to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) signed by Governor Inslee on March 24 and the new requirements. Discussion ensued.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson had no report at that time.

Commissioner Healy:

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

March 18-PPC presentation by executives at Cal-Iso; discussion ensued.

March 24-Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments

April 11-PPC 101 series on markets 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid reported that he attended the WPUDA monthly meetings on March 16-18.

Commissioner Reid stated that zoom meeting videos are supposed to be kept for six months.

Commissioner Reid reported that Jefferson PUD received \$22 million in grants for broadband construction to 2,400 customers. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported that House Bill 1117 on net ecological gain failed. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported that customers have until May 27 to opt in to arrearage programs if they qualify. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reid reported that he will be attending the WPUDA meetings next week via zoom.

Commissioner Jungers:

Commissioner Jungers reported that he is tentatively planning to attend the Energy Northwest quarterly meeting April 24-25, pending receipt of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 2022.

Robert Jungers, President

Dennis Reid, Vice President

Eugene Healy, Secretary