

February 21, 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, Secretaries Katie Thomas and Desiree Conroy.

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 Reid amended the agenda with two changes: The guest will not be here today, they are coming next month. The executive session is to be 50 minutes, not 45 minutes as scheduled. The executive session will be used to discuss consideration of site selection and possible litigation. Commissioner Healy moved to approve the amended agenda and Commissioner Jungers seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jungers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 7, 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. The motion passed 3-0.

Total Vouchers Approved: \$244,469.74

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Jungers commented that he noticed the new PUD truck got painted white. Manager Dan Kay replied that the truck was already painted white and is fully equipped.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Long Range Planning

Manager Kay commented that he is looking for some guidance in regards to the meeting room remodel. Discussion ensued regarding remodel and modernization options including flooring, wall removal, and a larger screen.

REPORTS:

Manager Kay:

Manager Kay reported that Commissioner Healy joined him at PPC last week, where they listened to an hour's worth of comments. Manager Kay stated, "It was very powerful."

Manager Kay commented that Bonneville is proposing what they call a small PUD credit or section for PUDs that use less than 5 megawatts (4.9-5.1), adding that we are right at 5.1-megawatt usage.

Manager Kay reported that he joined the WPUA meeting last week, which had a positive and energetic feel.

Manager Kay stated a wildfire bill regarding wildfire prevention/plans, and a bill preventing utility shutoff during high heat events for customers who have failed to pay were discussed in the legislative session.

Manager Kay offered a thank you to employees Janna, Lia and Bruce who received a nice thank you from a customer. Manager Kay explained that a high reading was noticed and Bruce took it upon himself and found out there was water coming out of the customer's facility to which he tenaciously made contact with the customer to resolve this issue. The customer was thankful.

Manager Kay reported that there had been a few weather-related power outages the last couple of weeks, however they were mainly in areas with not many trees.

Manager Kay reported that crews are actively putting up replacement poles and poles for new customers.

Auditor Wilson:

Auditor Wilson stated that she had nothing to report at this time, just busy doing the annual report.

Commissioner Jungers:

No report.

Commissioner Healy:

Commissioner Healy commented that he attended the Broadband Action Team on the 15th, they're not currently asking anything of the PUD. He has been attending as a citizen.

Commissioner Healy commented that he will be attending the TOC meeting tonight, COG meeting on Thursday, and PPC meeting next week.

Commissioner Reid:

Commissioner Reid commented that there have been some changes regarding the Open Public Meeting Act, which include:

Making reasonable rules to avoid interruption;

Special meetings need to be posted on the door;

Having a plan for disengaging a camera on zoom when needed.;

It is recommended to record meetings; and

The Chair can stop someone from speaking if they were not recognized by the Chair to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Reid recessed the regular meeting for three minutes at 9:16 a.m. to enter into executive session for fifty minutes to discuss acquisition of real estate and possible litigation. There is no expected action or decision.

The executive session was exited and the regular meeting re-entered at 9:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2023.

Dennis Reid, President

Eugene Healy, Vice President

Robert Jungers, Secretary