



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKANOGAN COUNTY
1331 Second Ave N. Okanogan, WA
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting Info: Phone: 1-346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 922 7822 8992

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February 12, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Scott Vejraska, Jerry Asmussen, Bill Colyar
Staff: Steve Taylor, Janet Crossland, Ron Gadeberg, Wendy Foth, Dan Simpson, Jeri Timm, Katie Pfitzer, Randy Bird, Mindy Morris, Justin Dibble, Kim Johnson, Roy Schwilke, Scott Abrahamson
Other Via Zoom: Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Other Via Zoom/Phone: Dave Warren, The Warren Group, Liz Anderson, WPUDA
Staff Via Zoom/Phone: Dale Dunckel, Derik Groomes, Dave Smith, Ryan Lafferty, Reid Rubert
Public: Tony Yusi
Public Via Zoom: No one from the public attended via Zoom

SUMMARY AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Business Meeting
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Roll Call
 3. Review of Agenda
 4. Public Comment
 5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes of January 29th, 2024
 - b) Vouchers
 - c) Transfer of Accounts
 6. Unfinished Business
 7. New Business
 - a) Resolution No. 1811 – Authorizing Consignment of No Cost Allowances
 - b) Motion – Truck Purchase PO update
 - c) Legislative Updates – Dave Warren and Liz Anderson
 8. Administrative Reports
 - a) Manager Report
 - Hydrogen Project Update
 - Fast Charger Update
 - b) Dan Simpson – SAIDI – CAIDI Report
 - c) Justin Dibble – Safety and Fire Meeting Update
 - d) End of Year - Power/Broadband Report
 - e) Treasurer Report
 9. Other Business
 10. Commissioners Meetings Attended
 11. The next Board of Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th, 2024
- III. Executive Session if needed
- IV. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

President Vejraska called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Business Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

3. Review of Agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting

b) Vouchers

Vouchers submitted for approval:

166353 through 166396 totaling \$346,723.09
2672, 166397 through 166435 totaling \$63,516.71
2673, 2674; 166436 through 166485 totaling \$505,638.09
2675 through 2678; 166486, 166487 totaling \$449,662.24

c) Transfer of Accounts

Commissioner Asmussen moved to have Item #1 on Transfer of Accounts as a separate item.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve Item #1 on the consent agenda, which is transferring irrigation account #42566 to residential account #89651, as the customer has not responded to customer service requests for payment. Commissioner Asmussen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve the consent agenda items (a) through (c), seconded by Commissioner Asmussen; the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

7. New Business

a) Resolution No. 1811 – Authorizing Consignment of No Cost Allowances

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve Resolution No. 1811, which authorizes the General Manager and designees to consign the District no-cost allowances to auction as deemed to be in the District's best interests and conformity with the Climate Commitment Act Programs, first read-only, seconded by Commissioner Asmussen. The first reading of Resolution No. 1811 was passed unanimously.

b) Motion – Truck Purchase PO

Operations Manager Randy Bird brought to the Board a Motion to have General Manager Taylor approve the purchase of two new line trucks budgeted at \$600,261 plus tax and license per unit for a tentative delivery in three to five years, depending on availability.

Commissioner Colyar moved to have General Manager Taylor authorize the purchase of two line trucks at the cost of \$600,261 per unit plus tax and license, seconded by Commissioner Asmussen. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Legislative Update – Liz Anderson, WPUA, and Dave Warren, The Warren Group

Via Zoom, Liz Anderson and Dave Warren provided legislative updates.

8. Administrative Reports

a) Managers' Report

General Manager Taylor reported he signed:

- BPA Energy Efficiency Direct Fund Demonstration Application for
Omak Middle School – HVAC Upgrades
North Omak Elementary School – HVAC Upgrades
East Omak Elementary School – Heat Pump Upgrades
Omak High School – Heat Pump Upgrades
- Energy Northwest – Internship Program not to exceed \$7,250.00

General Manager Taylor reported he accepted a plaque from the Okanogan Chamber of Commerce. The Okanogan PUD was selected as the 2023 Business of the Year.

Taylor asked the Commission if the Public Information Officer position was eligible for posting as set forth in the job description. The Board agreed to move forward with a change to the salary range via resolution.

- **Hydrogen Project**

General Manager Taylor presented a memo from Scott Abrahamson from the Engineering Department to the Board in which, after careful consideration, it was recommended that the District no longer pursue the Hydrogen Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Storage Unit project. This recommendation was due to timelines the state required, Kohler's warranty on the fuel cell, additional costs to the District, and the estimated small amount of run time that the project would give the District.

The PUD requested the awarded \$1,648,000 of funds be redirected to Douglas and the Klickitat project. The Board agreed to no longer pursue the project.

- **Fast Charger Update**

General Manager Taylor reported to the Board that Commerce awarded \$85 million to expand electric vehicle charging stations across Washington State. Taylor reported three locations with two stations at each, one at the Casino, one at Tribal Trails, and one at the new tribal Head Start building, were on the list.

b) Dan Simpson – SAIDI – CAIDI Report

Chief Engineer Dan Simpson gave the annual SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) and CAIDI (Customer Average Interruption Duration Index) report for 2023.

c) Justin Dibble – Safety Update

Safety Coordinator Justin Dibble gave a report on the projects he has been working on since becoming the Safety Coordinator for the District. Along with the safety report, Dibble reported on the recent Fire Mitigation meeting he attended with Operations Manager Randy Bird.

d) Ron Gadeberg – Year-End Power/Broadband Report

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Ron Gadeberg provided the Year End 2023 Report for wholesale power sales of \$1,955,285, placing 2024 sales over budget by \$1,207,310. Year-end sales were \$54,932,420, above budget by \$906,656.

Gadeberg reported that in January, due to the cold snap and the low availability of power to purchase, the District had to purchase wholesale power in the amount of \$4,829,942, placing sales under budget by \$5,427,592. No retail sales numbers were available at the time of the report.

Gadeberg also provided a Capacity Market Purchase Report and snowpack report.

Gadeberg reported that Telecom billed \$283,741.44 for December. The District has 2990 Cambium subscribers and 211 Wi-Fi subscribers, totaling 3201 wireless and 749 fiber customers. Total connections (fiber & wireless) 3950.

e) Rob Gillespie – January Treasurers Report

Treasurer Rob Gillespie presented an overview of cash transactions in January 2024.

The District began the month of January with \$49,916,087.66 in cash and investments on hand, cash receipts of \$9,542,786.73, and \$34,057.85 in interest. Warrants paid \$7,015,704.47 for an ending cash balance and investments of \$52,477,227.77.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

10. Commissioners Meetings Attended

Commissioner Asmussen:

- No meetings attended

Commissioner Colyar:

- No meetings attended

Commissioner Vejraska:

- No meetings attended

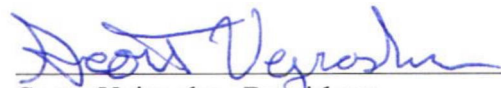
11. The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th, 2024.

III. Executive Session

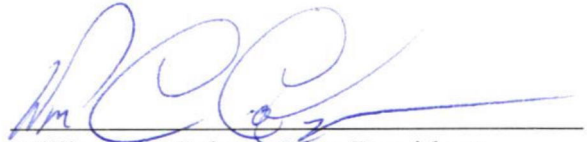
The regular Board meeting ended at 5:20 with an executive session beginning at 5:30, lasting for 10 minutes for discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) with no action anticipated.

IV. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Scott Vejraska, President



William C. Colyar, Vice President

ATTEST:



Jerry Asmussen, Secretary