



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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November 27, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Jerry Asmussen, Scott Vejraska, Bill Colyar
Staff: Steve Taylor, Janet Crossland, Ron Gadeberg, Wendy Foth, Jerry Day, Dan Simpson, Randy Bird, Katie Pfitzer, Mindy Morris, Jeri Timm, John MacDonald, Dana Kincaid, Roy Schwilke
Staff Via Zoom/Phone: JJ Boettger, Allen Allie, Justin Dibble, Dale Dunckel, Nate Kruse
Other: Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Public: Mike Cusick, Ray Campbell, Trinity Stucker, Brad Armstrong, Wayne Wells
Public Via Zoom: No one from the public attended via Zoom

SUMMARY AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order Business Meeting
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Roll Call
 3. Review of Agenda
 4. Public Comment
 5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from November 13th, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - b) Vouchers
 6. Unfinished Business
 - a) Resolution No. 1806 – 2024 Wage and Salary Program
 - b) Resolution No. 1808 – Approving 2024 Budget
 7. New Business
 8. Administrative Reports
 - a) Managers' Report
 - b) Power/Broadband Report
 9. Other Business
 10. Commissioners Meetings Attended
 11. Schedule future Board of Commission meetings. The next Board of Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11th, 2023.
- II.** Executive Session
- III.** Adjournment

I. Call to Order

Commission President Asmussen 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

Ray Cambell reported he was unhappy about the General Manager's salary increase and did not think there should be an increase in rates.

Brad Armstrong from the Okanogan Irrigation District requested that the District reevaluate the minimum season charge on irrigation services.

Trinity Stucker, Okanogan County Farm Bureau, shared her opinion on the proposed 3.75 rate increase.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Minutes from November 13th, 2023, Regular Meeting

b) Vouchers

Vouchers submitted for approval:

2630; 165702 through 165765, totaling \$467,199.90

2631 through 2634; 165766, 165767, totaling \$420,933.73

2635, 2636; 165768 through 165844 totaling \$2,140,890.17

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve the consent agenda items a and b, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska; the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business

a) Resolution No. 1806 – 2024 Proposed Wage and Salary Program

Resolution No. 1806 was presented for Board review for the second read of the 2024 Proposed Wage and Salary Program.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve Resolution No. 1806, second and final, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska; Resolution 1806 was approved unanimously.

b) Resolution No. 1808 - Approving 2024 Budget

Resolution No. 1808 presented to the Board to approve the 2024 Budget. After discussion, several options were requested to be brought back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve Resolution No. 1808 first read-only. Commissioner Vejraska seconded. Resolution No. 1808 was approved for the first read-only.

7. New Business

No new business was discussed.

8. Administrative Reports

a) Managers' Report

General Manager Taylor reported that he signed:

- Douglas Dark Fiber Agreement
- Charter Dark Fiber Agreement

General Manager Taylor suggested the District reevaluate the resolution regarding irrigation after hearing and speaking with Brad Armstrong from the Irrigation District.

General Manager Taylor informed the Board of the Clean Energy Expo on December 14th.

Ron Gadeberg reported that a charging station is being requested near Twisp Blue Star Coffee and asked the Boards thoughts. The Board supported the charging station as long as there was no cost to the District.

b) Power/ Broadband Report

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Ron Gadeberg provided the October 2023 wholesale power sales of \$131,166, placing sales under budget by \$192,416 for the month. September retail sales were \$3,953,563, above budget by \$196,856. Gadeberg also provided a Capacity Market Purchase Report and snowpack report.

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Commissioners Meetings Attended:

Commissioner Colyar:

- No meetings were attended

Commissioner Vejraska:

- No meetings were attended

Commissioner Asmussen:

- November 15th traveled to Olympia for WPUDA meetings
- November 16th attended WPUDA meetings
- November 17th Board of Directors meeting and traveled home

11. Scheduling Future Board Meetings:

The Commissioners scheduled the following Board of Commission meetings:

January 16th, January 29th, February 12, February 26th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8, and April 22nd.

The following meeting dates were canceled: *January 1st, *January 15th, January 22nd, February 5th, February 19th, March 4, March 18th, April 1st, April 15th, and April 29th.

*Holiday

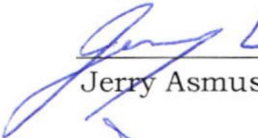
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III. Executive Session

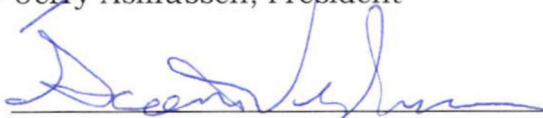
The regular Board meeting ended at 4:16 with an executive session beginning at 4:20, lasting for 20 minutes for discussion with legal counsel about current litigation under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i).

IV. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



Jerry Asmussen, President



Scott Vejraska, Vice President

ATTEST:



William C. Colyar, Secretary