



**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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July 24th, 2023

**ATTENDEES:**

Board Members:	Jerry Asmussen, Scott Vejraska, Bill Colyar
Staff:	Steve Taylor, Janet Crossland, Ron Gadeberg, Randy Bird, Jeri Timm, Wendy Foth, Dan Simpson, Jerry Day, Scott Abrahamson, Kyle Richter, Ryan Lafferty, Katie Pfitzer
Staff Via Zoom/Phone:	Dale Dunckel, JJ Boettger, Derik Groomes, Mindy Morris
Other Online:	Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Public:	No one from the public attended in person
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 July 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting
    - b) Vouchers
  6. Unfinished Business
  7. New Business
    - a) 2024 Budget Calendar
  8. Administrative Reports
    - a) Scott Abrahamson, Hydrogen Project Update
    - b) Steve Taylor, Managers Report
    - c) Janet Crossland, March & April Financial Report
    - d) Ron Gadeberg, Power/Broadband Report
  9. Other Business
  10. Commissioners Meetings Attended
  11. Schedule future Board of Commission meetings

Next Board of Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**III. Executive Session**

**IV. 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**

There was no public comment.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**a) Minutes of July 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**b) Vouchers**

Vouchers submitted for approval:

164510 through 164578 totaling \$468,212.89

2570 through 2573; 164579, 164580 totaling \$426,627.20

2574 through 2576; 164581 through 164650 totaling \$1,546,802.61

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**

No unfinished business was discussed.

**7. New Business**

**a) 2024 Budget Calendar**

The 2024 Budget Calendar was presented to the Board for review.

**8. Administrative Reports**

**a) Scott Abrahamson, Hydrogen Project Update**

System Tech Engineer Scott Abrahamson updated the Board on the Hydrogen Project.

**b) Steve Taylor – Managers Report**

General Manager Taylor asked the Board for direction on the 2023 COPA, suggesting that the COPA be postponed until 2024. Resolution 1793 delayed COPA until financials were completed for 2022. Financials have been completed and can carry the District until 2024. The Board agreed to the postponement. A revised resolution will be presented at the next Board meeting.

General Manager Taylor reported attending the WPUA Association meetings in Suquamish, WA.

General Manager Taylor brought to the Board a motion to authorize the District to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$25,000 with Energy Northwest to conduct a study to

explore the costs, risks, benefits, and funding models of a potential new nuclear power generating project in Washington.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve the motion to enter into an agreement with Energy Northwest for \$25,000 to conduct the study of the nuclear power project in Washington State, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska. The motion passed unanimously.

### **c) Janet Crossland - March and April 2023 Financial Report**

Janet Crossland, Director of Finance and Accounting, announced that Standard and Poor's completed their annual rating review for Okanogan County PUD. S&P affirmed the District's A+ rating with a stable outlook. Crossland said this is a good and positive reflection of the PUD.

Crossland provided the March and April 2023 budget overview and customer statistical and financial report comparing the Equity Management Plan to actuals for the 12 months ending March and April 2023.

Randy Bird, Operations Manager, updated the Board on the vehicle replacement fund and where the District is with vehicle and equipment purchases.

### **9. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **10. Commissioners Meetings Attended:**

Commissioner Vejraska:

- 07.22.2023 met with Dave Reichert

Commissioner Colyar:

- No meetings attended

Commissioner Asmussen:

- 07.11.2023 Traveled to Kitsap for WPUDA meetings
- 07.12.2023 WPUDA Commissioner Education and Roundtable
- 07.13.2023 WPUDA Committee meetings
- 07.14.2023 WPUDA Board of Directors meetings and traveled home

### **11. Scheduling of Future Board Meetings:**

The Commissioners scheduled the following Board of Commission meetings:

September 11<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup> Special Evening Budget Workshop, October 9<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup> Special Evening Budget Workshop, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The following meeting dates were canceled: \*September 4<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, \*December 25<sup>th</sup>.

\*Holiday

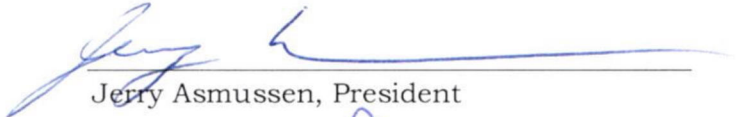
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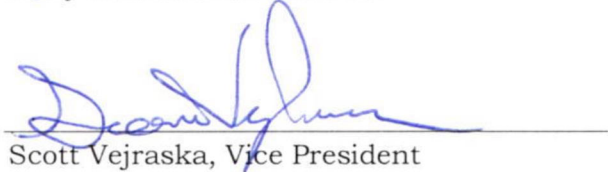
**III. Executive Session**

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened into an executive session at 4:40 under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of a public employee for 20 minutes with no action anticipated.

**IV. Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
Jerry Asmussen, President

  
Scott Vejraska, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
William C. Colyar, Secretary