

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021

AGENDA

ONE TIME USE - *Regular Meeting* Call in number option: 888-387-8686 (Participant Pin No. 7737637#)

Due to the office closure associated with COVID-19 precautionary standards, we will not have public present at our meeting.

KPUD Commission Meeting Start Time – 2:00 p.m. as Advertised;

Location: 1313 S. Columbus Ave. – Goldendale, WA

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes - 03/09/2021 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 03/23/2021 (*Alex Casimiro*)

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 03/14/2021 (*Alex Casimiro*)

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Water/Wastewater February update (*Sharon Blodgett*)
- Operations February Update (*Mark Pritchard*)
- Engineering February Update (*Ron Schultz, Brandon Johnson, and Mark Garner*)
- Commissioners' Reports
- Assistant General Manager's Report (*Gwyn Miller*)
- Manager's Bi-Monthly Report (*Jim Smith*)
-(see attached report)

GUESTS:

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AGENDA ITEMS – (*see Manager's Report for further details*)

- A. Policy 18 Water Customer Service updates (*Sharon Blodgett*)
- B. Professional Services Prequalification (*Ron Schultz*)
- C. Resolution 1802 2015A Bond Refinance (*Mike DeMott*)
- D. Rejection of Bids- RNG Blower Project Construction (*Kevin Ricks*)

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- PDC F1 reporting due by **April 15, 2021**



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **March 23, 2021** Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **Policy 18 - Customer Service Policy for Water Services** - Sharon Blodgett, Brandy Myers and Mark Pritchard will be reviewing changes recommended for this policy, following last meeting's discussions. They will be bringing usage information you requested for discussion.
- B. **Professional Services Prequalifications** - Ron Schultz will provide an updated listing of new professional services Statement of Qualifications received. Their information has been reviewed by staff and staff recommends that these individual companies be added to our professional services roster for the 2021 period.
- C. **Resolution 1802- 2015A Bond Refinance** - Mike DeMott will discuss this resolution with you and review the negotiated finance terms. He will also provide an update on the financial outlook for the next five years if this resolution is approved.
- D. **Rejection of Bids- 2021 RNG Blower Project Construction** - Kevin Ricks will discuss the bid opening results and request the board to reject all bids as they were more than 15% over engineering estimate.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. **Electric Rate Comparison** - I read an article posted in the Peninsula Daily News referencing a proposed Jefferson County PUD 3% electric rate increase in 2021. If implemented, this would move us to #7 on our residential electric rate comparison list from #6. They are also proposing a further 7% in 2022. For the record, since 2016, we have implanted only one 1.5% electric rate increase, which was in 2019.
- 2. **My Schedule** - I have vacation scheduled beginning March 24 through April 9, 2021. The next board meeting is April 13.
- 3. **Goldendale Energy Storage** - Brian and I are working through drafts of the Asset Purchase Agreement, which covers all the aspects of the MOU we have had in place with

Rye Energy and now Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, as well as the Water Supply Agreement, which covers infrastructure costs and water service costs. We are still working on getting them on the same page as us. As you might expect, the large issues are the payment schedules for the \$2.1 million, power supply to the project, commercial service to us for capacity and the schedules to complete these two agreements. I have asked Commissioner Knowles to help with the review of the business arrangements of the deal once we get to the point where I think we have everything we asked for or are at any potential roadblocks. I expect to be at that point in a month or so.

4. **State Parks** - Ron Schultz has a discussion planned for next week.
5. **Tribal Rights of Way Renewals** - Perkins Coie is working on the process with the support and guidance from BIA. Hopefully this will get us on a path that leads to renewal of all the rights of way issues in our service territory. It is frustrating to still be at this stage after all these years, but I am cautiously optimistic.