

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, February 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 - 02/09/2021 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 2/23/2021 (*Alex Casimiro*)

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 02/14/2021 (*Alex Casimiro*)

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Water-Wastewater January update (*Sharon Blodgett*)
- Operations January Update (*Mark Pritchard*)
- Engineering January Update (*Ron Schultz*)
- Year-end Financial Update (*Beth Schroder*)
- Power and Finance Update (*Mike DeMott*)
- Commissioners' Reports
- Assistant General Manager Report (*Gwyn Miller*)
- Manager's Bi-Monthly Report (*Jim Smith*)
-(see attached report)

GUESTS:

- Tom McDonald - Cascadia Law

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

- A. Prequalification of Contractor (*Jeff Thayer*)
- B. Resolution 1799 Surplus of Vehicles (*Jeff Thayer*)
- C. Resolution 1800 Hearing Officer (*Gwyn Miller*)
- D. Cliffs Water Rights - 3 p.m. (*Jim Smith/Tom McDonald*)

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 February 23, 2021 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **Prequalification of Contractors** - Jeff Thayer is requesting that we add Alamon, Inc., to the small works roster for the 2021 calendar year. They have provided all of the required documentation to be added to the roster.
- B. **Resolution 1799 - Surplus of Vehicles** - Jeff Thayer is requesting that we surplus vehicles 154, 236, and 268. All of these vehicles have been very well utilized resources throughout the utility and staff is recommending that we surplus these vehicles.
- C. **Resolution 1800 - Klickitat PUD Hearing Officer** - Gwyn Miller will present this resolution recommending the designation of Anita Clever as the KPUD hearing officer.
- D. **Cliffs Water Rights** - Tom McDonald will be on the phone to talk about the current status of the Cliffs water rights that are in trust, discussions we have had with Ecology on a Trust Agreement and answer any questions you might have regarding water service to the potential pumped storage project and data centers. This call is scheduled for 3 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Pumped Storage SEPA Comments** - Brian Skeahan drafted comments and we filed them with Ecology. There were some inconsistencies in the Ecology documentation, that we corrected, that referred to water rights as opposed to water service. Tom McDonald helped ensure that Ecology understood the arrangement and that this was reflected in their SEPA work. A copy of the comments are attached.
2. **Methanization of CO₂** - Kevin and I have been talking about potential additional revenue sources from the RNG/landfill facility. We have a very large source of very pure biogenic carbon dioxide at the site. We have begun investigating the potential to turn that into renewable methane, or zero carbon synthetic natural gas that could be then injected into the pipeline. We are meeting with a preliminary team the Wednesday after the next board meeting to brainstorm ideas, technologies, uses and value streams. Very, very preliminary, but it has potential. We will fill you in if there is merit in further investigation.
3. **Grid Reliability** - After discussions with Commissioner Gunkel, Representative Mosbrucker introduced HB 1527 addressing the extent to which Washington residents

are at risk of rolling blackouts and inadequacy events like those experienced in California in 2020. Indications at this time are that the bill will not move.

Concurrently, with the help of our lobbyist, Dave Warren, Senator Tim Sheldon introduced a budget proviso at the WPUDA monthly Energy Committee meeting to study these same risks, especially after the extended rolling outages in Texas this week. This proviso is a parallel path and complimentary to Representative Mosbrucker's bill.

4. **My Performance Review** - I will be providing you the blank forms and my past performance review numbers at the meeting for you to evaluate and fill out. I would propose that you take those away and schedule time at the next meeting (March 9) to review together as a board.
5. **Legislative Update** - the latest WPUDA documents are attached for your review. I heard from George that HB 1490 is not likely to move, but the language may be incorporated into HB 1421. That is the bill regarding low income payments, so you may want to monitor that.