

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County  
**Board of Commissioners' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**AGENDA**

ONE TIME USE – **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2498 476 8736)

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

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

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes – 01/23/2024 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 02/13/2024 (*Cara Smith*)

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 01/28/2024 (*Cara Smith*)

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**REPORTS – 10 min. each:**

**GUESTS:**

- Renewable Energy Assets update (*Kevin Ricks*)
- Power and Finance update (*Mike DeMott*)
- Commissioners' Reports
- Assistant General Manager (*Gwyn Miller*)
- Manager's Bi-Monthly Report (*Jim Smith*)  
-(*see attached report*)

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

A. Reject all Bids and Rebid- Dock Crew Bid 2024 through 2025 - (*Mark Garner*)

B. Conservation Loan and Vendor Deposit Contingency - (*Anita Clever*)

C. Call for Bid – EE Clouse Substation Expansion Project - (*Brandon Johnson*)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- WPUDA Association Meeting February 14-16, 2024
- Central Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 21 Centerville Grange
- Eastern Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 27 Alder Creek Grange in Bickleton
- Public Disclosures: F-1 Report Due 4/15 annually



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **February 13, 2024** Meeting

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Reject all Bids and Rebid- Dock Crew Bid 2024 through 2025 - Multiple incomplete bids were received and we are requesting to rebid the contract to include bid requirement clarification in the second call for bids.
- B. Conservation Loan and Vendor Deposit Contingency - Vendors involved in low-income projects are increasingly adopting a policy where they necessitate upfront materials deposits on low-income rebate projects, replacing the acceptance of the traditional practice of accepting a purchase order from us for the project as commitment of payment. Anita will provide her thoughts on how she feels we can mitigate the risk.
- C. Call for Bid- EE Clouse Substation Expansion - KPUD has a reimbursable agreement with Bonneville Power Administration to transfer load from BPA's Goldendale Substation to EE Clouse Substation. This proposed call for bid is for construction of the improvements, to include Schedule A (Substation Construction) and Schedule B (Transmission Line Construction), for which award could be made in part or whole as deemed necessary.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Senate Bill 5919 Update - This is our carbon dioxide authority bill. It was unanimously passed out of the Senate and is on the way to the House. Interesting enough, Commerce asked that the bill include PUD authority to sell retail, not just wholesale. Something to think about. Vote was 49 – 0. It is scheduled for a hearing in the House Environment and Energy Committee February 15. I expect the same level of support.
- 2. US Government Columbia River System Operations Settlement Agreement - The Public Power Council formally filed the necessary legal documents reserving all rights. The filing is challenging whether BPA exceeded its authority in signing onto the settlement. PPC is not challenging the agreement itself, and can't. This is because the settlement agreement itself is NOT part of the ninth district court process. This agreement is between the plaintiffs (six sovereigns) and the defendant (US Government). The agreement has been filed with the ninth district court and Judge Simmons will rule to

accept or not, but BPA is not a part of the litigation. It is only a part of the settlement agreement. We believe that this action likely supports the BPA Administrator.

3. Legislative Definition of "Customer" - Last meeting Commissioner Miller asked if how "Customer" is defined in CETA legislation. The definition is actually established in California legislation that Washington State CETA legislation references. Customer is defined as "account". There is no clarification that I found regarding how aggregation of accounts would be treated. It is definitely not individual people at a residence.