

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021

AGENDA

ONE TIME USE - **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 146 519 5223).

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

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

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- Approval of Minutes - 06/22/2021 Meeting
- Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 07/13/2021 *(Alex Casimiro)*
- Approval of Payroll for period ending 06/20/2021 and 07/04/2021 *(Alex Casimiro)*

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Renewable Energy Assets June update *(Kevin Ricks)*
- Power and Finance June update *(Mike DeMott)*
- Fire Season Status update *(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. Resolution 1806- Water/Wastewater rate and fee adjustment *(Jim Smith)*
- B. Resolution 1807- Appointment of Auditor and Deputy Auditor *(Brandy Myers)*
- C. Prequalification of Professional Services *(Ron Schultz)*
- D. Executive Session 3:30 p.m.: Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Potential Litigation Cliffs Water System – *(Brandon Walter, Jim Smith, Kevin Ricks, Gwyn Miller, Brian Skeahan and Tom McDonald via phone)*

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Moss Adams Audit Review **TBD**
- WPUDA Association meeting, Skamania PUD July 14-16



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the July 13, 2021 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 1806 - Water and Wastewater Rates and Fees Update – we did not have this resolution for you to approve at the public hearing and we should have. This completes the records requirements for the rate adjustments.
- B. Resolution 1807 - Appointment of Auditor and Deputy Auditor – with staffing changes, the appointment of an auditor and deputy auditor is needed.
- C. Prequalification of Professional Services – staff requests to add The Warren Group to the 2021 Professional Services Roster. We continue to utilize Dave Warren as KPUD's lobbyist on an annual basis and his firm is up for renewal.
- D. Executive Session 3:30 p.m.: Cliffs Water System Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Potential Litigation.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Vegetation Management Software – I completed a contract with a company called AI Dash to provide vegetation management software and related software configuration, training and support. This is the software we discussed last Board meeting. Work was kicked off this week and the initial phases of the program modules will be operating by September. This will help us with our vegetation management work plan and priorities for this fall and for 2022. We will more fully develop the program and our plans through the winter.
- 2. Quarterly Meetings with Klickitat County Commissioners – we informed the County we have no items to discuss at this time.
- 3. Moss Adams Audit findings/presentation – we have received our finalized financial audit. We will schedule the normal exit interview with Board President Doug Miller.
- 4. WPUDA Meetings July 15/16 – WPUDA is planning its first in person meeting since COVID and it is being held in Skamania. I wanted you to inform you since the meeting will be held so close to home for us.

5. Pumped Storage Contracts update – we should have a reasonably developed copies of water supply and asset purchase agreements between us and Free Flow Power (FFP) for this project in the next week. We are still talking about the terms for providing the PUD commercial service or equivalent value, but other material issues are resolved. Once we have these, I would appreciate Commissioner Knowles reviewing them. We have constructed these agreements to require two additional agreements with NSC smelters. The thought here is that we mirror the issues in the FFP agreements and resolve and replace all previous documents with an amended water facilities agreement and an amended water right settlement agreement with NSC.
6. Strategic Planning – we are planning a staff level strategic plan review with Therese Hampton on July 28th. The intent is to review the existing plan and discuss the strategies we developed and get feedback on what has been working and what has not. After a year of working with goals and strategies, we have the opportunity to do this review with some experience from the managers and supervisors. Part of the exercise is to have managers start developing departmental and employee goals for 2022 that will be tied to the strategic plan as well as to the budget process we will be starting this fall. I plan on a larger strategic plan review with the board next year after we get a bit further along with our work.
7. Goldendale Sentinel – Lou emailed me to let me know that he has heard from some of our customers how appreciative they are that the power was on during the heat wave. As a follow-up from the resulting discussion, I answered some questions from a reporter regarding our electric system and the heat wave. That may result in an article.