

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021

AGENDA

ONE TIME USE - **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 146 921 9313)

Meetings are now open to the public, attendees will adhere to the published state Covid-19 related guidelines.

We are continuing the use of the public teleconference line in recognition of the extension of the state of emergency's statutory waivers and suspensions pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, until terminated or rescinded, whichever occurs first.

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

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

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes - 07/13/2021 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 07/27/2021 *(Alex Casimiro)*

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 07/18/2021 *(Alex Casimiro)*

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Water/Wastewater June update *(Sharon Blodgett)*
- Operations June update *(Mark Garner)*
- Engineering June update *(Ron Schultz, Brandon Johnson, and Mark Garner)*
- June Financial update *(Cynthia Bruce)*
- 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. Call for Bid- CIC Bid 2021 *(Jeff Thayer)*
- B. Moss Adams Final Audit Deliverables Presentation via WebEx by Keith Simovic at 3:00 p.m. *(Mike DeMott / Brandy Myers)*

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- New Employee Luncheon- August 10, 2021 1:00 p.m.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the July 27, 2021 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Call for Bid: 2021 CIC Bid - staff will present a call for bid for the 2021-12 kV cable in conduit contract.
- B. Moss Adams Audit Review - the exit interview with Moss Adams is set for 3:00. We received a clean audit.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Commission Meeting Requirements - Last meeting we discussed discontinuing the remote access for Commission meetings as we are now allowing the public to attend in person. However, it turns out that this is not an option at this time. The current Proclamations still require remote access for customers and ALLOW an in person component to public meetings until the proclamations change. How this is happening appears to be: public meetings are prohibited, remote access is required, but an in person component is now allowed. This seems backwards, but here we are.

So, we are continuing the use of the phone line for our customers to attend the meetings that way. The following is a summary for the relevant proclamations:

- a. Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the Washington State Legislature until termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein until termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- b. Agencies holding public meetings must (a) provide the opportunity for the public to attend the proceedings through telephonic access and may also include other electronic means of remote access; and (b) provide the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.
- c. An agency may elect to include an in person component, but must comply with relevant proclamations.

- d. Fully vaccinated people to show proof of vaccination if requested.
2. The Department of Commerce - requested information on the utility system performance during the recent heat wave. Our response was:
 - a. Peak demand day, and MW and changes to your forecasting?

Our peak demand day was 6/28 and the peak occurred at HW13. Our peak was 88.91MW. Forecasted June peak previous to this heat event that forecast would have been roughly 70MW. This is recent averages with the inclusion of new larger loads.
 - b. During the peaks what was the average MW?

On the day of our June peak the average on peak loads were 80.73MW.
 - c. Any factors that helped your utility in the planning, such as cross coordination with generating facilities and partner utilities, coordination with BPA, participating in the NW Power Pool, and anything else that was helpful?

As a BPA load following customer there was little action we needed to take other than be aware of potential issues with BPA power supply and monitoring of availability of our above BPA power delivery from The Energy Authority (TEA).
3. Issues with Century Link Service in the White Salmon / Husum Corridor - During the most recent power outages in this area, BPA, Pacific Corp and ourselves have been impacted by Century Link service interruptions due to the lack of power backup at two of their sites. This has increased the length of the outage, but also impacts our ability to communicate with BPA, Pacific Corp and our crews to ensure safe system operations. Attached is a letter from Ron Schultz to Century link requested that this situation be corrected. I understand that Century Link is responding favorably, and Ron can provide an update at the meeting.
4. State of Oregon Files Motion Regarding Columbia River System Operation - in spite of their involvement in the Columbia Basin Collaborative process, the State of Oregon filed a Motion for a court injunction for the courts to control of the Columbia River system operations. Attached are Northwest River Partners and PPC's press releases for your reading.
5. Strategic Planning - we are holding our staff level strategic plan review with Therese Hampton the week of the Board meeting. My intent is not changing the strategic plan, it is making the plan and its strategies a part of our budgeting and goal setting process. I do

hope we can tweak the strategies though to better support your direction. I am planning on doing a formal plan review with you and staff in 2022.

6. Lyle Fire and Department of Natural Resources - DNR reached out to us to work with our investigators on their fire investigation for this fire. It would appear that our work on the DNR / Utility Task Force has indeed had some impacts on their procedures.
7. Glenwood Water Rights - Sharon Blodgett, Russ Patton and Brandon Walter met via teleconference with the Yakama DNR to discuss water rights for the Glenwood water system. They reported that this initial staff level meeting was very productive and positive. They will update you as part of Sharon's WWW report.