

Minutes of
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY
April 16, 2024
NEWPORT CONFERENCE ROOM, NEWPORT, WA AND
VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present: Joseph B. Onley, President
David W. Rick, Vice President
Curtis J. Knapp, Secretary, virtual

Staff Present: John Janney, General Manager, virtual
Management/District Staff
Karen Willner, Clerk of the Board

Others: Don Dirks, Member of the Public
Gretchen Koenig, Member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Joseph B. Onley, President.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting, today's revised agenda, and the vouchers were reviewed.

As of this date, April 16, 2024, the Board, upon motion by Commissioner Rick and seconded by Commissioner Knapp approved the following:

- The revised agenda for April 16, 2024 meeting, and the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting.
- Vouchers audited certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. Payment of those vouchers, included in the list referred to above and further described as follows: Voucher Nos. 9238 through 9292 in the total amount of \$190,617.96; ACH payments in the total amount of \$764,911.21; Wire transfers in the total amount of \$239,013.55; and ACH payroll transactions in the total amount of \$226,655.05 for the payroll ending March 31, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Janney, District General Manager, reported staff continues to work on the Strategic Plan. He will work with the Board individually for their strategic plan review.

He is attending the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUA) Annual Conference at the Skamania Lodge and is looking forward to the Managers Committee meeting where they will discuss wildfire mitigation, insurance premiums, Clean Energy Transformation Act compliance, BEAD grant, workforce challenges, and flexible work schedules.

He attended individual meetings last week with Inland Power & Light and Kootenai Electric Cooperative as neighboring utilities and reported they discussed wildfire mitigation, safety plans, power supply and marketing, and coordinating resources. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of Bid Awards – Surplus Property – Fleet Asset #012, a 2008 Yamaha Grizzly 700 4-Wheeler, Fleet Asset #026 a 2014 Walton Gooseneck Flatbed Equipment Trailer, a 2008 Ford F150 Short Box Aluminum Canopy, and a 2010

Ford F150 Long Box Aluminum Canopy. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Commissioner Rick and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to approve the bid awards to the highest bidders, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Unbudgeted Request for Temporary Linemen. Chris Jones, District Director of Operations, reported some linemen are injured and we need to hire two temporary linemen for six months. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Commissioner Rick and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to approve the unbudgeted request for two temporary linemen. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Knapp attended the virtual Public Power Council (PPC) Members Forum on April 3, a virtual Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC) meeting on April 5, and a virtual Energy Northwest Resource Task Force meeting on April 15.

Commissioner Rick attended a virtual Broadband Action Team meeting on April 2 and provided an overview.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Commissioner Onley asked if there was any business or comments from the public.

Don Dirks, member of the public, attended for the surplus bid awards. Commissioner Onley welcomed Mr. Dirks and thanked him for attending.

Gretchen Koenig, member of the public, inquired when the brush crews start clearing. Mr. Jones reported they work all year. She noted some areas where she is concerned with fire potential. She inquired if landowners can clear the brush. Mr. Jones reported they can. Commissioner Onley thanked Ms. Koenig for her questions/comments.

Commissioner Onley thanked everyone for attending in person and virtually and for their comments.

COMMISSION REPORT (continued):

Commissioner Rick attended a Northwest Public Power Association Electric & Operations Conference on April 8 – 12 in Tacoma and provided an overview.

Commissioner Onley attended a Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 3 in Newport, a virtual PPC meeting on April 4, and a virtual PNUCC meeting on April 5. He provided an overview of the meetings.

COMMISSION BUSINESS:

The Board of Commissioners will attend the WPUA Annual Conference on April 17 – 19 at the Skamania Lodge and the Board meeting on April 30 in Ione.

Commissioner Knapp will attend Energy Northwest Resource Task Force meetings on April 23 – 25 in Tri-Cities.

Commissioner Rick will attend a Tri-County Economic Development District meeting on April 24 in Colville.

Commissioner Onley will attend a Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce Earth Day clean up on April 20 in Newport.

Commissioner Onley asked if there was any further business for the good of the order. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Onley reported the next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m., at Box Canyon Dam in Ione and via Microsoft Teams.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

General Counsel
Approved as to Form