



**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of
Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County
Okanogan PUD Auditorium
1331 2nd Avenue North, Okanogan, WA
March 23, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

Present: Board: Jerry Asmussen, Bill Colyar – call-in, Scott Vejraska – Call-in
Staff: Steve Taylor, Don Coppock, Janet Crossland, Jeri Timm, Jerry Day,
Dan Simpson, JJ Boettger, Dale Dunckel, Wendy Foth
Staff Call-in: Ron Gadeberg, Dana Kincaid, John MacDonald, Allen Allie, Kim
Johnson, Debbie Dibble, Katie Pfitzer, Randy Bird, Matt Stevie
Other: Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Public: No public was present or spoke during call-in open to the public

Summary Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. COPA (Cost of Power Adjustment) Policy
- III. COVID19 Impacts
- IV. Possible Declaration of Emergency

I. Call to Order

Commissioner President Jerry Asmussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. COPA

Commissioner Asmussen called to table the COPA discussion to a later date considering the COVID-19 emergency.

III. COVID-19 Impacts

General Manager Taylor presented Resolution No. 1712 for authorization of the General Manager to take action to ensure the health and safety of District employees and the public and to declare an emergency under RCW 39.04.280.

Commissioner Colyar motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska, to approve the first and final reading of Resolution No. 1712. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Proposed May 1, 2020 rate adjustment

General Manager Steve Taylor presented to the Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 1713, which would suspend the implementation of District's Electric Service Rate Schedules due to the COVID-19 emergency.

General Manager Taylor expressed his concerns about the timing of the revenue increase and the impact it would have on our ratepayers at this time of emergency. Taylor wanted everyone to know that the District will work with anyone having difficulties paying their bill to make payment arrangements. Late fees and disconnects waived during this time of emergency.

Commissioner Colyar moved, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska, to approve the first and final reading of Resolution No. 1712, which would suspend the implementation of Districts Electric Service Rate Schedules due to the COVID-19 emergency. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Possible Declaration of Emergency**

As listed above under the COVID-19 section of the minutes, Resolution No. 1712 was passed, which gives the authorization of the General Manager to take action to ensure the health and safety of District employees and the public and to declare an emergency under RCW 39.04.280.


Commissioner Asmussen asked for updates on how things are going as we go along.


VI. **Public Comment**

Commissioner Asmussen asked for public comment and how the telephonic phone call went. Other than District employees who called in to say they could hear everything fine using the telephonic meeting number, there were no public comments.

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.


Jerry Asmussen, President


William C. Colyar, Vice President

ATTEST:


Scott Vejraska, Secretary