



**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County  
Okanogan PUD Auditorium  
1331 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, WA  
May 28, 2019 - 3:00 PM**

**Present:** Board: Jerry Asmussen, Bill Colyar-via phone, Scott Vejraska  
Staff: Steve Taylor, Ron Gadeberg, Randy Bird, Nick  
Christoph, Allen Allie, Jeri Timm, Rob Gillespie, Sheila  
Corson, Katie Pfitzer  
Public: Joseph Enzensperger  
Other: Heidi Appel - General Counsel  
Jim Rowland - Rowland Co., Legislative Representative

**Summary Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Business Meeting
  1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Review of Agenda
    - Approval of Consent Agenda
      - a) Minutes of May 13, 2019, Regular Meeting
      - b) Vouchers
  3. Unfinished Business
    - a) Resolution No. 1686 – Adjusting the  
Compensation for General Manager – second  
reading
  4. New Business
    - a) Jim Rowland – Legislative Update
    - b) Resolution No. 1687 – Support of the Federal  
Columbia River System and the Four Lower  
Snake River Dams – First Reading
  5. Manager’s Report
    - a) Steve Taylor - Administrative Report
    - b) Randy Bird – Strategic Work Plan Update
  6. Other Business
  7. Public Comment
  8. Future Planning
  9. Commissioners Meetings Attended
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner President Jerry Asmussen called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**II. Business Meeting**

## **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **2. Review of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

## **3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

### **a) Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting submitted for approval.

### **b) Vouchers**

Vouchers submitted for approval: 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 150945 through 151039 totaling \$2,312,029.94; 1783, 1784, 151040 through 151104 totaling \$478,959.42; 1785 through 1788 totaling \$333,613.49.

Commissioner Vejraska moved, seconded by Commissioner Colyar, to approve the Consent Agenda – items a through b. The motion carried unanimously.

## **4. Unfinished Business**

### **a) Resolution No. 1686 – Adjusting the Compensation for General Manager – second reading**

Commissioner Asmussen asked for discussion. Commissioner Vejraska expressed concerns about the salary increase and indicated that he was not in support of the motion. Commissioner Asmussen and Colyar offered comments in support.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Colyar motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Asmussen to approve Resolution No. 1686 – Adjusting the compensation for General Manager. The motion carried with two votes aye and one vote no.

## **5. New Business**

### **a) Jim Rowland of Rowland Company - Legislative Update**

Highlighted Topics:

- Safe Harbor Agreement
- Communications Installers
- Net Metering
- Charging Stations
- DNR – wildfire suppression & study group and forest planning management.

**b) Resolution No. 1687 – Support of the Federal Columbia River System and the Four Lower Snake River Dams – First Reading**

Discussion regarding Resolution No. 1687 – Support of the Federal Columbia River System and the Four Lower Snake River Dams. Commissioner Colyar requested the irrigation information in the resolution.

Commissioner Vejraska moved, seconded by Commissioner Colyar, to approve the motion for the first reading of Resolution No. 1687. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Manager's Report**

**a) Steve Taylor – Administrative**

General Manager Taylor reported he attended the NWPPA Annual Conference in Sacramento May 19 – 22. He is now the past-past president of NWPPA.

**b) Randy Bird – Strategic Work Update**

Operations Manager Randy Bird reported on the Strategic Work plan for the Operations Department.

**7. Public Comment**

Joseph Enzensperger commented he would like a sediment study completed at Enloe Dam and also encouraged more rooftop solar.

**8. Other Business**

There were no items presented for discussion as other business.

**9. Future Planning**

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is Monday, June 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

**10. Commissioner Meetings Attended**

Commissioner Colyar reported he met with a ratepayer on the 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding why PUD employees do not take home trucks during fire season.

Commissioner Asmussen reported he traveled to Olympia for the WPUDA Strategic Planning on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

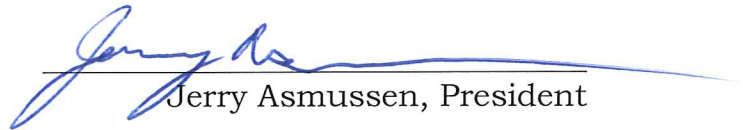
Commissioner Vejraska had nothing to report.

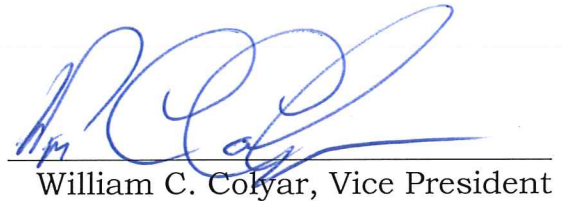
III. **Executive Session**

The regular meeting recessed at 4:23 p.m. and immediately reconvened into executive session at 4:25 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel representing the District, legal risks under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was expected to last 1 hour, with no action anticipated. The Executive session recessed at 5:00 p.m.

IV. **Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
Jerry Asmussen, President

  
William C. Colyar, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Scott Vejraska, Secretary