



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKANOGAN COUNTY

1331 Second Ave N. Okanogan, WA 98840

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting Info: Phone: 1-346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 922 7822 8992

Join by Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92278228992> Meeting ID: 92278228992

August 26th, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Scott Vejraska, Bill Colyar, Jerry Asmussen
Staff: Steve Taylor, Janet Crossland, Ron Gadeberg, Allen Allie, Wendy Foth, Dan Simpson, Randy Bird, Mindy Morris, Jerry Day, Jessica McCarthy, Rob Gillespie, Jerry Day, Jeri Timm, Ryan Lafferty
Staff Via Phone: Justin Dibble, Dale Dunckel
Other: Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Public: No one from the public attended in person
Public Via Zoom: No one from the public attended via Zoom

SUMMARY AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Business Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Review of Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes of August 12th, 2024
 - b) Vouchers
 - c) Transfer of Accounts
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
 - a) Resolution No. 1824 Revising the Rate Stabilization Fund
8. Administrative Reports
 - a) Steve Taylor – Managers Report
 - b) Allen Allie – Fire Mitigation Update Report
 - c) Ron Gadeberg – Power/Broadband Report
9. Other Business
10. Commissioners Meetings Attended
11. The next Board of Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9th, 2024

III. Executive Session

IV. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

President Vejraska called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Business Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

3. Review of Agenda

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes of August 12th, 2024
- b) Vouchers: 167859 through 167901 totaling \$199,756.04
2771, 2772; 167966 through 168021 totaling \$332,784.76
2773, 2774, 2775; 168024 through 168094 totaling \$2,596,457.21
- c) Transfer of accounts totaling \$2,923.87

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve the consent agenda items (a) through (c), seconded by Commissioner Asmussen; the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

7. New Business

- a) Resolution No. 1824 – Revising the Rate Stabilization Fund

After much discussion, Commissioner Asmussen motioned to approve Resolution No. 1824, first read-only, seconded by Commissioner Colyar. The resolution passed first-read only.

8. Administrative Reports

- a) Steve Taylor, Managers Report

Taylor reported he signed:

- NCESD Agreement not to exceed \$28,731.00 for distributing electrical educational information and materials to schools
- USDA RUS ReConnect Grant & Security Agreement
- GTA (General Transfer Agreement) BPA Transfer Charges & Loss Factors DE-MS79-93BP92638
- NISC iVue Document Vault Server Replacement not to exceed \$1600.00
- Public Works Board for funding Conconully FTTx project
- NISC iVue Server Replacement not to exceed \$4,800.00

General Manager Taylor informed the Board that the cost of power we receive from Douglas PUD has increased by 55% since 2020.

Taylor asked the Board for direction on whether they should request any BEAD funding, as the District already has the two grant projects we have been awarded. The Board agreed that as the money becomes available, they should look at the areas proposed through the grants and go from there.

Taylor reported that Customer Service Representatives in all offices will attend in-house all-day training on Veterans Day, November 11th, resulting in offices being closed to the public that day.

The Dropbox in Omak will be officially closing as of September 26th.

Public Information Officer Jessica McCarthy gave an update on projects she has been working on to get information out to District ratepayers. Commissioner Vejraska, Director of Power and Broadband, Ron Gadeberg, and McCarthy will be live on the radio during Open-line Thursday, August 29th.

b) Allen Allie – Fire Mitigation Update as per BKI Schedule

Capital Improvements Project Manager Allen Allie updated the Board on the District's Fire Mitigation plan, which the Department of Natural Resource requires and is due by October 31, 2024. The District has hired BKI to assist with the plan. Allie will bring the final plan to the Board on October 21st for final approval. The plan will need to be updated every three years.

c) Ron Gadeberg, Power/Broadband Report

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Ron Gadeberg provided July 2024 wholesale power sales of \$128,486, which were under budget by \$558,033. June retail sales were \$4,361,442, above budget by \$344,562. Gadeberg also provided a Capacity Market Purchase Report.

Broadband sales for August were \$283,976.44.

Cambian Wireless subscribers	3,024
Wi-Fi Wireless subscribers	183
Fiber Connections	<u>795</u>
Total Connections: Fiber & Wireless	4,002

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Commissioner Meetings Attended

Commissioner Asmussen: No meetings to report

Commissioner Colyar: No meetings to report

Commissioner Vejraska:

- August 22nd – Meeting with Tim Thompson, Heidi Appel & Jeri Timm regarding Enloe

11. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9th.


III. Executive Session

No executive session was held

IV. Adjournment at 4:20 p.m.

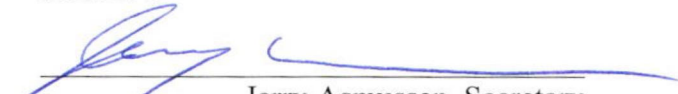


Scott Vejraska, President



William C. Colyar, Vice President

ATTEST:



Jerry Asmussen, Secretary