



**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**1331 Second Ave N. Okanogan, WA**

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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October 23, 2023

**ATTENDEES:**

Board Members:	Jerry Asmussen, Scott Vejraska, Bill Colyar
Staff:	Steve Taylor, Janet Crossland, Ron Gadeberg, Wendy Foth, Jerry Day, Dan Simpson, Randy Bird, Dale Dunckel, Katie Pfitzer, Mindy Morris, Jeri Timm, John MacDonald
Staff Via Zoom/Phone:	Debbie Dibble
Other:	Heidi Appel, General Counsel
Public:	Laurie & Vince Stockwell, Roni Holder-Diefenbach
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 from October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting
    - b) Minutes from October 9<sup>th</sup>, Budget Workshop
    - c) Vouchers
    - d) Transfer of Accounts
  - 6. Unfinished Business
    - a) Resolution No. 1801 – GM Employment Agreement
    - b) 2024 Budget Review
  - 7. New Business
  - 8. Administrative Reports
    - a) Managers' Report
    - b) Power/Broadband Report
    - c) Fuel Mix Report
  - 9. Other Business
  - 10. Commissioners Meetings Attended
  - 11. The next Board of Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- III.** Executive Session
- IV.** Adjournment

**I. Call to Order**

Commission President Asmussen 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**

No changes to the agenda were made.

**4. Public Comment**

Laurie & Vince Stockwell spoke about meter, solar power, and customer service concerns.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a) **Minutes from October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting**
- b) **Minutes from October 9<sup>th</sup>, Budget Workshop**
- c) **Vouchers**

Vouchers submitted for approval:

165354 through 165434, totaling \$291,944.77

2615; 165435 through 165495, totaling \$327,898.79

2616 through 2619; 165496, 165497 totaling \$425,331.34

**d) Transfers of Accounts**

Transfer of accounts totaling \$8,009.39 were submitted to the Board for processing.

Commissioner Colyar moved to approve the consent agenda items a through d, seconded by Commissioner Vejraska; the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**a) Resolution No.1801 GM Employment Agreement**

Resolution No. 1801 was brought back to the Board with a three-year contract for General Manager Steven Taylor.

Commissioner Colyar motioned to approve Resolution No. 1801 second and final reading. The resolution passed two to one.

**b) 2024 Budget Review**

A review of the budget presentations of each department was done, along with a discussion on salary and new positions.

Commissioner Vejraska motioned to change the COLA from 2.6% for non-union employees to 3.6%, seconded by Commissioner Colyar. The motion passed unanimously.

The final budget will be presented to the Board at the next meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **8. Administrative Reports**

### **a) Managers' Report**

General Manager Taylor and Director of Finance, Accounting & Administration Janet Crossland presented a 2019 through 2023 budget comparison for the Board.

### **b) Power/Broadband Report**

Director of Power Resources and Broadband Ron Gadeberg provided the September 2023 wholesale power sales of \$190,411, placing sales under budget by \$319,387 for the month. August retail sales were \$4,343,851, under budget by \$245,012. Gadeberg also provided a Capacity Market Purchase report.

Gadeberg reported the district has capacity needs under the PGE Agreement. We are using the Resource Adequacy P50 forecast model to assess capacity shortages and plan to buy capacity through a Market Plus deal. Much of the purchased capacity is expected to be resold, and the expected market plus price is a little over \$5.00 per MW, and approximately 146,000 MW will be needed.

Due to a policy change, the district required a document from BPA concerning Loss Returns. BPA now mandates the concurrent return of losses, either in kind or financially. Douglas PUD lacks the staff for real-time loss returns, necessitating financial compensation. Okanogan wasn't initially informed of this change. When notified, they faced a tight deadline for document signing to avoid significant financial penalties. Okanogan can start financial loss returns from November 1st by signing last week. Delaying till this week would have postponed the start to December 1st. Penalties are 250 times the EIM Market price per hour incurred.

Gadeberg reported that Telecom billed \$296,921.44 for October. The District has 3018 Cambium subscribers and 218 Wi-Fi subscribers, totaling 3236 wireless and 741 fiber customers. Total connections (fiber & wireless) 3977.

### **c) Fuel Mix Report**

The 2020 and 2021 Fuel Mix Report was presented to the Board.

<u>FUEL</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>PERCENT</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>PERCENT</u>
Hydro	82.93 %	51.06 %
Nuclear	6.90 %	6.58 %
Coal	0.02 %	0.00 %
Natural Gas	0.15 %	0.00 %
Biomass	0.00 %	0.00 %
Waste	0.00 %	0.00 %
Wind	3.86 %	4.28 %
Petroleum	0.00 %	0.00 %

Unspecified	6.15 %	38.08 %
Solar	<u>0.00 %</u>	<u>0.00 %</u>
Total	100.00 %	100.00 %

Commissioner Vejraska moved to approve the fuel mix report, seconded by Commissioner Colyar. The fuel mix report was approved unanimously.

#### **9. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **10. Commissioners Meetings Attended:**

Commissioner Vejraska:

- No meetings attended

Commissioner Colyar:

- No meetings attended

Commissioner Asmussen:

- No meetings attended

#### **11. The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

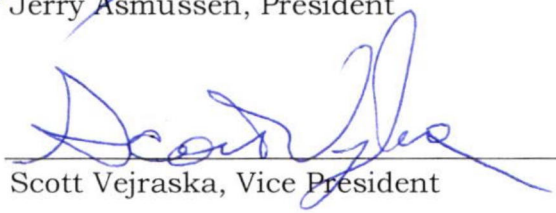
### **III. Executive Session**

There was no executive session held.

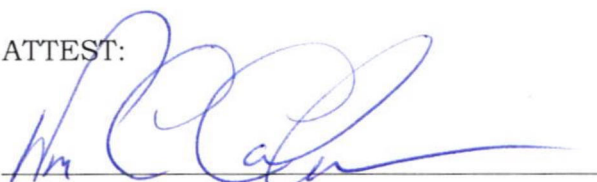
### **IV. Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
Jerry Asmussen, President

  
Scott Vejraska, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
William C. Colyar, Secretary