

Minutes of
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY
October 31, 2023
BOX CANYON DAM, IONE, WA AND
VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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

Staff Present: April Owen, Co-Interim General Manager
Sarah Holderman, Co-Interim General Manager
Management/District Staff
Karen Willner, Clerk of the Board

Others: Gretchen Koenig, Member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Curtis J. Knapp, President.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting, the October 30, 2023 special meeting, today's agenda, and the vouchers were reviewed.

As of this date, October 31, 2023, the Board, upon motion by Commissioner Onley and seconded by Commissioner Rick approved the following:

- The agenda for October 31, 2023, the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting, and the minutes of the October 30, 2023 special 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. 8696 through 8739 in the total amount of \$137,025.73; ACH payments in the total amount of \$445,780.85; Wire Transfers in the total amount of \$782,520.11; and ACH payroll transactions in the total amount of \$221,594.07 for the payroll ending October 15, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGERS' UPDATE:

April Owen, Co-Interim General Manager, attended a virtual Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA) General Managers meeting on October 25 and reported topics included grant funding, MRSC organization and website (WPUDA will become a member), the American Public Power Association Legislative Rally in February, Clean Energy Transformation Act audits, and rates. Discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

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

Gretchen Koenig, member of the public, referenced a news article where people are developing a way for electric vehicles to charge without using charging stations and inquired about where they will get the power. Ms. Koenig suggested that PUD could look at having a different rate schedule for charging electric vehicles. Discussion was held.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT:

Adam Wiltse, District Safety Manager, reported on the Safety Steering Committee elected and appointed members.

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT:

Sarah Holderman, District Co-Interim General Manager, reported staff attended a meter training last week and equipment installation at our substations will be starting.

BOX CANYON UPDATE:

Bryant Kramer, District Director of Power Production, provided a production update and reported that unit 2 was taken down yesterday for minor maintenance. Crews are working on getting the Cusick pumps running. Last week staff attended an Annual Joint Emergency Action Plan meeting with Seattle City Light at Box Canyon. Sullivan Lake is being drawn down for winter operations and maintenance work.

He shared a powerpoint presentation on Craig Ripplinger's investigative report into the Box Canyon unit overspeed events. The report showed contamination in the proportional valves due to varnishing. Mr. Ripplinger's recommendation is to install a manual shutdown on the mechanical valve, exchange the hydraulic oil to a thinner hydraulic oil in our governor systems, and look at an oil de-aeration system.

Ms. Owen reported this item is a top priority. Discussion was held.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Ms. Holderman provided a 2024 Budget timeline and reported a full budget overlook will occur at the November 7 meeting, a budget hearing will occur at the November 21 meeting, and a budget approval will occur at the December 6 meeting.

She reviewed capital expenditures and dues and memberships. Discussion was held. Commissioner Onley was in favor of contributing \$10,000 to Energy Northwest in support of a small modular reactor feasibility study. Ms. Owen will discuss with Tyler Whitney, Cable Huston, LLP.

Ms. Holderman reviewed other upcoming non-capital projects for Box Canyon, engineering, natural resources, and finance. She reviewed labor assumptions. Discussion was held.

COMMISSION REPORT:

The Board of Commissioners attended an Energy Northwest Public Power Forum on October 26 – 27 in Richland and a Special Board meeting yesterday in Newport.

Commissioner Onley attended a Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony/meeting on October 18 in Priest River and provided an overview.

Commissioner Rick attended an Economic Development Council meeting on October 18 in Metaline Falls and provided an overview. He attended a virtual WPUDA Budget Committee meeting on October 19 and a virtual Tri-County Economic Development District meeting on October 25 and provided an overview.

Commissioner Knapp attended a virtual Energy Northwest Resource Task Force meeting on October 18 and provided an overview. He attended a virtual WPUDA Budget Committee meeting on October 19 and Energy Northwest meetings on October 24 – 26 in the Tri-Cities. He had a few customer phone calls.

COMMISSION BUSINESS:

Commissioner Knapp reported he will not be attending the Public Power Council and Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee meetings this week. He will attend an Energy Northwest meeting on November 5 – 8 in Atlanta.

Commissioner Onley will attend a virtual Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 1, a Legislative Luncheon meeting on November 6 in Colville, and the Board meeting on November 7 in Newport.

Commissioner Rick will attend a Legislative Luncheon meeting on November 6 in Colville and the Board meeting on November 7 in Newport.

Commissioner Knapp noted the passing’s of Alice Owen and Jim Willner and the Board and staff are keeping Ms. Owen and Ms. Willner in their thoughts.

He reported that following a working lunch, the meeting will be adjourned. The next meeting will be held on November 7 in Newport.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

General Counsel
Approved as to Form