

CLALLAM COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Office | 104 Hooker Road | Sequim, WA 98382

MARCH 22, 2021 – This meeting was held remotely via ZOOM

Commissioners Present

Will Purser, President

Rick Paschall, Vice President

Jim Waddell, Secretary

Staff Present

Doug Nass, General Manager

John Purvis, Assistant General Manager

Sean Worthington, Finance Manager/Treasurer

Terry Lind, Operations Superintendent

Ben Phillips, Engineer III

Mike Hill, Engineering Manager

Tom Martin, Water/Wastewater Manager

Colin Young, Distribution System Supervisor

Nicole Hartman, Communications Manager

Lori Carter, Controller/Auditing Officer

Ruth Kuch, Financial Analyst II

Jamie Spence, HR Manager

Rebecca Turner, SR, Accountant

Tyler King, Power Analyst

Larry Morris, Safety Manager

Teresa Lyn, Executive Assistant

FCS

Sergey Tarasov, Sr. Project Manager

Matt Hobson, Project Manager

Others Present as Identified

Patti Morris

Krestine Reed

Paula Simpson-Barnes

Janet Marx

Phillip Kitchel

Richard DeBusman

Betsy Robins

Chet Baumann

Christine Stallard

Jamie Michel

Jim McEntire

LaTrisha Suggs

Paul Hansen

Rebeca Paradis

Ray Moses

Rob Ollikainen

Ron Richards

Sam Woods

Sean Haberg

Steve Kern

Brian Grad

An MCobb

Pete Mehl

Joe, last name not provided

Ted, last name not provided

John Mahan

The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA 1:07

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Waddell seconded by Commissioner Paschall and carried, the Commissioners approved the following consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting;
- b. Claim vouchers for March 8 through March 15, 2021 for a total of \$1,020,464.77;
- c. Payroll vouchers for the period of February 16 through February 28, 2021;
- d. Pre-qualification for contractor Par Electric Power for \$10,000,000;
- e. Pre-qualification for contractor Palouse Power LLC for \$2,000,000;
- f. Pre-qualification for contractor Cannon Constructors LLC for \$10,000,000; and
- g. Pre-qualification for contractor Riverline Power LLC for \$1,000,000.

AGENDA REVISIONS 2:00

John Purvis will present Bid Number 211003 in lieu of Bill Decker.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC 2:16

Comment was heard both in support of and in opposition to Resolution 2194-21.

BUSINESS ITEMS 30:19

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Paschall, seconded by Commissioner Purser and carried, the Board adopted RESOLUTION 2194-21 supporting the Federal Columbia River Power System, recognizing its role in environmental stewardship, and opposing the removal of the Lower Snake River dams. Prior to the vote on RESOLUTION 2194-21, Commissioner Waddell provided a point-by-point rebuttal of the Resolution, which he opposes.

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Paschall, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Board approved RESOLUTION 2195-21 Authorizing the disposal of surplus property which consists of one Migmaster 250 serial number MAGI939106 which is no longer useable or repairable and thus has no value to the District.

Upon recommendation of staff, and upon motion of Commissioner Paschall, seconded by Commissioner Waddell and carried, the Board approved Invitation to Bid Number 211003 for a contractor to inspect, treat, and report on an unspecified number of electrical transmission and distribution wood poles. The number of poles is undetermined at this time. The location of the work is Clallam County. This project will have an estimated not-to-exceed amount of \$129,368.00 (not including WSST).

The meeting convened and recessed at 2:36 PM for a break. The meeting reconvened at 2:42 PM.

Finance Manager/Treasurer Sean Worthington and consulting firm FCS's Project Managers Sergey Tarasov and Matt Hobson provided an update on Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) as it relates to the District and its customers. CETA requires utilities to provide energy programs (energy-saving measures such as weatherization and conservation) and assistance to low-income households. It is estimated that about 35% of the District's residential customers have an energy assistance need. Included was a review of RCW 19.405.120, which mandates that all utilities must make programs and funding available for energy assistance to low income households by July 31, 2021; an explanation of the terms 'energy burden' and 'energy need;' the Department of Commerce's role in collecting and providing relevant data; and utility responsibilities regarding the implementation of CETA; and energy assistance need (EAN) analysis. Also discussed was the new CETA program that staff developed and recommends in order to comply with CETA legislative requirements. Assistant Manager John Purvis provided a detailed internal analysis on CETA Section 12, including an overview of policy considerations.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

No correspondence.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS 2:07

Commissioner Paschall attended several WPUDA meetings.

Commissioner Waddell attended several WPUDA meetings and a Northwest Power Conservation meeting.

Commissioner Purser attended several Energy Northwest Executive Board meetings.

STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports.

BOARD'S ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF

There were no actions for staff.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC 2:24

Comment was heard regarding the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the lower Snake River dams; opposition to Resolution 2194-21; an inquiry into public discussion of the Resolution; appreciation for Commissioner meeting reports; and a suggestion for the District to offer customers a way to donate to the low energy assistance fund (Note: it already does).

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.