

## CLALLAM COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Office | 104 Hooker Road | Sequim, WA 98382

**October 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM** - This meeting was HYBRID via Zoom and in person

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### Commissioners Present

Will Purser, President

Rick Paschall, Vice President

### Commissioner Absent

Jim Waddell, Secretary

### Staff Present

Sean Worthington, General Manager

John Purvis, Assistant General Manager

Travis McClain, WWW Coordinator

Bowen Kendrick, WWW Superintendent

Tom Martin, WWW Manager

Eric Jacobson, Business Analyst

Teresa Lyn, Executive Assistant

### Others Present as Identified

Bonnie Sanford

Darlene Schanfald

David Mallon

Dayhawk Kim

Jared, last name not provided

Krestine Reed

Lisa Donaldson

Steve Gray, Clallam County

Logan, last name not provided

Mike, last name not provided

R. Sill

Scott, last name provided

Sue, last name not provided

TJ, full name not provided

Tom Reyes

Ron Gilles

Dave Swinford

Nick Mobley

Teresa Miller

Don Church

The meeting commenced at 5:00 PM.

### BUSINESS ITEMS STARTING AT 00:00:02:

Water and Wastewater Coordinator Travis McClain presented and initiated a discussion with the public and the board of Commissioners as he presented a comprehensive PowerPoint on the history and status of Carlsborg water. The discussion revolved around a related Memorandum of Understanding between Clallam County PUD and Clallam County that outlines the interests of the County, PUD customers, and issues related to providing water for the current Carlsborg Local Utility District (LUD) and the Carlsborg Urban Growth Area (UGA). The MOU is pending signature of the board.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment was provided and responded to throughout the presentation. Public comment topics and inquiries included:

- What is the PUD's mitigation plan for the existing well which is projected to reach maximum safe nitrogen levels within four to six years?

- The Smithfield pump/well – is it in use? Is part of the plan to bring on more capacity?
- A property owner holding 40 acres of property within the UGA that could have 300 homes built on it has been waiting to develop it (and has not yet applied for a water right) is concerned that that capability could be lost if water is provided outside of the UGA.
- An individual outside of the Retail Service Area working on housing development had a question on what percentage of the 23 percent water supply rights currently being used is currently designated for residential use and what percentage is designated for industrial use? This individual has a shovel ready housing subdivision project of once acre single-family home lots and needs water to proceed.
- An inquiry about two waste transfer projects being considered within the UGA; specifically has Waste Connections Inc. asked PUD for water availability and if so, have they received an answer if so what is the answer? Would fireflow availability be impacted by these industrial projects?
- An inquiry from a wholesale building supplies business/property owner asking how this impacts him and/or his business or property. Will there be financial implications? Will we no longer have drinking water for his employees?
- Will the PUD do a formal poll of the LUD water customers?
- Can you provide an update from Ecology on pending projects? Review transcript for question which Tom partly answered. Ecology's concern is in-stream flow (i.e. fish, whales).
- A comment from within the UGA that providing water rights to the rest of the land owners inside the UGA should be a priority before giving up rights to those outside of the UGA.
- Steve Gray from the County advised that Clallam County is focused on the unincorporated UGA because it is an area under the Growth Management Act (GMA) that they are committed to facilitate growth for, both affordable housing and business growth. The County shares concern about clean water as is committed to assist PUD in obtaining water rights and has invested nearly \$1 million dollars to date to do so.

#### **ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF**

- A. Staff is to advise what percentage of the 23 percent water supply rights currently being used is designated for residential use and what percentage is designated for industrial use;
- B. Staff will consider developing and administering a formal poll to identify property owners and developers within and outside the UGA who are interested in developing and/or are ready to develop their property;
- C. Staff will consider developing a phased-in build out plan based on poll results;
- D. Staff will continue to work with Ecology to obtain their approval on the District's proposed mitigation plan, which is expected to address most stakeholders interests; and
- E. Going forward, staff is to provide clearer communication and education to property owners about Carlsborg water issues.

**ADJOURN** There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

*A detailed transcript of this meeting via audio recording is available to the public on the Commission Meetings page of the PUD website here: <https://clallampud.net/commission-meetings/>.*

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