

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County  
**Board of Commissioners' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**AGENDA**

ONE TIME USE – **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2496 114 1684)  
**Meetings are now open to the public, attendees will adhere to the published state COVID-19 related guidelines.**

*We are continuing the use of the public teleconference line in recognition of the extension of the state of emergency's statutory waivers and suspensions pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, until terminated or rescinded, whichever occurs first.*

**KPUD Commission Meeting Start Time – 2:00 p.m. as Advertised;**

Location: 1313 S. Columbus Ave. - Goldendale, WA

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes - 04/12/2022 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 4/26/2022 (*Isabelle Carroll*)

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 4/10/2022 (*Isabelle Carroll*)

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**REPORTS – 10 min. each:**

- Water/Wastewater update (*Sharon Blodgett*)
- Operations update (*Mike Nixon*)
- Engineering update (*Brandon Johnson/Mark Garner*)
- Commissioners' Reports
- Assistant General Manager (*Gwyn Miller*)
- Manager's Bi-Monthly Report (*Jim Smith*)  
-(see attached report)

**GUESTS:**

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**AGENDA ITEMS – (see Manager's Report for further details)**

A. Set Public Hearing for Water/Wastewater Rates - (*Jim Smith*)

B. Combustion Turbine Rebuild update (*Kevin Ricks/Mike DeMott*)

C. Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of site or acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase

**ADJOURNMENT**

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Filing for Commissioner Positions May 2022



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the April 26, 2022 Meeting

### AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Setting of Public Hearing for Water / Wastewater 2022 Rates and Water Use Efficiency Goals.

Each year, the District meets with each community where we own and operate Water and Wastewater systems. PUD staff reviews the financial stability of each system as well as the issues and projects work being undertaken and planned. We also discuss any rate recommendations that will be made to the Board for consideration. For those communities that we either cannot contact or who do not want to plan for a meeting within their communities, we send out letters to all water and waste water customers with this same information.

In addition, Class A Water systems are required to set water use efficiency goals through a public process at least every 6 years. Existing goals were set in 2016 and Bickleton was in 2018. We have held meetings with Klickitat, Lyle, Rimrock and Bickleton to date. Ponderosa is scheduled for May 9 and the remaining systems will receive letters.

Staff will be asking to set a public rate hearing for May 24, 2022 at 3:00 to take public input and consider rate actions for each water and waste water system, as well as consider and approve water use efficiency goals for each water system.

B. Presentation of Combustion Turbine Rebuild update (Kevin Ricks / Mike DeMott)

Mike and Kevin will be discussing their findings and thoughts about use of our Solar Combustion Turbines to provide capacity and other related services running on natural gas.

C. Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and (c) review of real estate sales or lease of property options

Commissioner Knowles has asked for an executive session on a potential real estate issue in an executive session format. Mike DeMott will be attending as well.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Supply Chain update - As of today, we have received 19 of the 22 padmounted transformers Jeff purchased through PGE. We are still scheduled to receive 60 units the end of May. Acquisition of other materials is proceeding without concerns so far. Jeff and Mark Garner will provide further info at the meeting in their reports.
2. Community Meetings for Water and Wastewater Rate review - Doug Miller, Sharon Blodgett, Brandon Walter and I met with customers in Bickleton last night. We have two more meetings, with Ponderosa Park on May 9<sup>th</sup> and Rimrock on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. MC Nary Meeting update - Kevin and Mike attended the quarterly project operating committee meeting on-site on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The focus was getting our Technical Advisor up to speed on the project. While our respective positions might be different, there is consensus that the existing stairs are overdue for rehabilitation and there are several examples of poor workmanship on previous repairs. Kevin is working to identify a qualified contractor or two to visit the project, inspect the stairs and provide an alternative scope of work and budgetary cost estimate to rehab the stairs.
4. Dallesport Waste Water System meeting with Klickitat County - Doug and I will give you a report on the meeting earlier this week with the county on the potential waste water system transfer.
5. Lund Hill Solar - has approached us again regarding temporary water supply for their construction project.