

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

AGENDA

ONE TIME USE – **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2481 827 1282)

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

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

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes – 01/10/2023 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 01/24/2023 *(Cara Smith)*

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 01/15/2023 *(Cara Smith)*

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Water/Wastewater Update *(Sharon Blodgett)*
- Operations December/ Year-end Report *(Mike Nixon)*
- Engineering December/Year-end Report *(Brandon Johnson and 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. Annual Pre-qualification of Contractors - *(Jeff Thayer)*

B. Annual Pre-qualification of Professional Services Consultants - *(Brandon Johnson)*

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- OPMA/Records Retention online refresher course for commissioners
<https://wacities.org/data-resources/public-records-act-elearning>
<https://wacities.org/data-resources/open-public-meetings-act-elearning>
- Central Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 15 @ 11am
- Eastern Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 28 @ TBD
- Public Disclosures due April 15.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **January 24, 2023 Meeting**

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Annual Pre-qualification of Contractors - Jeff Thayer is requesting approval of the 2023 Small and Large Works Rosters. Jeff and Andy Jaekel have reviewed and revised the rosters for 2023.
- B. Pre-qualification of Professional Services Consultants - Brandon Johnson will present the renewal list for the 2023 Professional Services Consultants list for approval.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Purchasing and IT Surplus computers - The Purchasing and IT departments along with Brandon Walter worked together to repurpose 8 full surplus computer stations including monitors, keyboards, etc. and delivered them to New Hope Farms.
2. 2023 Net Metering Bill HB 1427 - at the request of Commissioner Miller, attached is the net metering bill. Washington PUD Association Representative Nicolas Garcia is testifying in opposition at the first hearing January 24.
3. BPA Post 2028 Update - I attended 3 days of meetings with PPC and other trade groups the past couple of weeks to determine a basis for input to BPA on the next 20 year power supply contracts starting in 2028. I will fill you in on where we currently are and how I think this may go. I'll also try to give you a range of outcomes I think are possible.
4. 2023 Legislative Session - I was in Olympia for 3 days last week. I testified on the wildfire mitigation bills that are the 2023 version of Senator Rolfes' bill that was introduced in 2022. These bills are SB 5039 and HB 1032. WPUDA and utilities directly are working with the senator on revisions, as well as working with house staff. I understand that the House will act first this year, given the bill died in the House last year for backroom politics reasons.

I also testified on Representative Mosbrucker's reliability bill which is HB 1117. This is a new number this year. It is unchanged from last year, except for dates. Commerce testified on behalf of the Governor, which was interesting in and of itself, that as there were no changes to the title, it is still a problem for the Governor. You will recall the bill passed through both the House and the Senate unopposed last year and was vetoed by the Governor on the last day. I understand that he is concerned the wording makes it seem like wind and solar are causing any potential electric system reliability issues. I think we all believe that the real issue is that reliability issues will be caused by the timing of carbon policies and the lack of involvement with the electric utility industry on the impacts of the current policies by the Governor.

5. Republic Services Contracts and Landfill Expansion - Kevin verified that the 2000 Affirmation Agreement in Section 1.34 Term states: "The Term of this Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and, unless earlier terminated as provided herein, shall continue so long as the Remaining Landfill of the Facility Site produces commercially marketable quantities of Landfill Gas".

My read is that nothing has changed except the ability to go higher. Same roads. Same trash. Same Real Estate. Same collection system. Same wells.

Net short-term result is that Republic will be able to build up from the existing footprint for the next 10 years with no new cells. Going up will mean many lifts and re-drills to collect gas from the new trash on top. It will also result in better cover (and collection) of the gas produced in areas around the perimeter. The vertical expansion also means that they will be working mostly in the northwest area of the landfill (and away from our facility). This should mean less activity in and around the KPUD facilities and less possibility of interference from traffic, dust, noise etc.