

## Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

For the May 10, 2022 Meeting

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. Water Fill Rate and Water and Wastewater System Rates Review and Discussion (Jim Smith/Russ Patton/Sharon Blodgett)

We have not made any adjustments to the recommended system rates. The agenda cover letter discusses the water fill rate details for your review. There is no action necessary until after the public rate hearing on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

B. Prequalification of Contractors (Jeff Thayer)

WE have three contractors up for approval. They have all met the requirements to be added to the works rosters.

C. Safety Officer Reappointment (Jeff Thayer/Mike Nixon)

Mike Nixon will be assuming the role of Safety Officer. Jeff retained this function to allow Mike time to get settled in his new position.

D. RESOLUTION #1818 – Meter Sole Source Procurement (Brandon Johnson)

Meter purchase sole source Pending resolution draft from Athan.

This resolution will allow the purchase of the brand of meters that supports the communications and functionality of the automated meter system pilot we have been conducting. As this is a commitment for all AMI meters if we implement this program, we completed a formal legal review and are doing this sole source via a Resolution to ensure the review, recommendations and purchasing issues are clearly understood and agreed by all.

E. Executive Session - real estate for the purposes of discussion pumped storage project issues.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Open Public Meetings Act the governor's proclamations regarding additional public meeting rules has ended. The open public meeting virtual requirements end on June 1, 2022. I would like to discuss your wishes regarding remote public access for future public commission meetings.
- 2. <u>Dallesport Waste Water System Update</u> Doug and I met with Commissioner Sauter and reviewed the long term rate forecast model. We can discuss at the meeting.
- 3. <u>Landfill Gas Infrastructure Funds</u> we are completing applications for several projects for several systems totaling about a million dollars. As you are aware, Russ and the WWW department have spent a good part of the past couple of years working on system studies, updating General Facilities Charges, increasing approved connections, and planning. We have not made an application to the fund since 2018 and we are ready to move forward with securing project funding for the next two three years of projects.
- 4. This is a reminder I will be participating in the next Board meeting remotely from the NWPPA conference. We will have a presentation prepared for the Water and Waste Water rate hearing that I will walk through. Everything else will be run as we normally would run a public rate hearing.