

KPUD Promotes Dedicated Employees

Cynthia Bruce and Justin Beierle have stepped into new roles

Cynthia Bruce

Klickitat Public Utility District is pleased to announce the promotion of Cynthia Bruce to accounting supervisor and interim purchasing supervisor.

Cynthia began her career with KPUD as an intern in the operations and purchasing departments in 2006. She came aboard full time in 2009 as a customer service representative.

Her journey at KPUD reflects her dedication to personal and professional development. She has progressed through roles including engineering support assistant, accounts payable/accounting clerk and accountant, and she consistently strives for excellence and seizes growth opportunities.

As an accounting supervisor, Cynthia has exemplified leadership and proficiency in overseeing all accounting staff. She is responsible for compiling reports, processing and reviewing journal entries, conducting monthly financial reviews and ensuring payroll compliance. She has also taken on the additional responsibility of interim purchasing supervisor, where she diligently monitors the bidding and procurement process to uphold compliance with the revised codes of Washington.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Cynthia enjoys spending quality time with her family and pursuing her interests. Whether it's vacationing at beach destinations, supporting her children in their extracurricular activities, or enjoying a family game night playing board and card games, she is a well-rounded individual with a zest for life.

Justin Beierle

Klickitat Public Utility District is proud of Justin Beierle's work since becoming engineering superintendent. With a history of dedication and expertise, Justin has been an invaluable asset to KPUD, embodying leadership and a commitment to excellence.

Justin's journey at KPUD began in 2016 when he joined as a meter reader in the customer service department. From there, he assumed the role of field staking engineer for five years.

KPUD underwent a rapid expansion of residential electric load. In June 2023, Justin became KPUD's engineering superintendent to assist with contracted projects and maintenance.

In this capacity, Justin oversees the safety, design, routing and specifications of both customer-requested distribution power line extensions and KPUD maintenance and capital projects. His responsibilities also entail planning, designing and managing construction projects, as well as collaborating closely with external contractors to ensure alignment with KPUD's long-range plans and budgetary constraints.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Justin spends time with his family and engages in outdoor pursuits. Whether cheering on his loved ones at sporting events, bonding with his daughter through hunting excursions or tending to his ranch in Bickleton, Justin is a versatile individual who is passionate about various aspects of life outside his professional commitments.



From left are Dwayne, Austin, Cynthia and Natalie Bruce. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BRUCES



The Beierle family. From left, Heather, Hadlee and Justin.

Happy Retirement, Rod!

Klickitat PUD Water Wastewater Operator Rod Kiser has dedicated the past 16 years to the utility and the community, and retires on May 6. Klickitat PUD is grateful for his years of service and the wealth of knowledge he has passed on to his peers.

Since Rod started at Klickitat PUD in September 2008, he has been a water wastewater operator. Rod spent most of his days in the field completing testing, treatment and repairs for KPUD's nine water and three wastewater systems.

Rod has had many roles throughout his career. His first job was as a millwright and welder at the sawmill in Maupin, Oregon. He eventually began working at the Goldendale aluminum plant.

After that, he gained knowledge and experience at Chenoweth, a level 4 water treatment plant in The Dalles, Oregon. With Rod's work experience and extensive knowledge in his craft Klickitat PUD saw him as a perfect fit for the W/WW Operator Position in 2008.

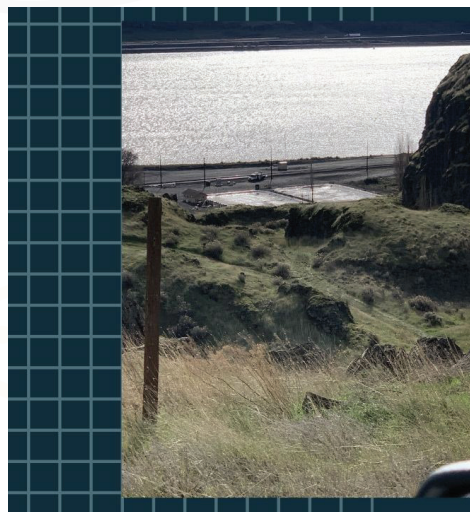
During his time at KPUD, Rod has enjoyed spending time outdoors and getting to know the community members. Throughout the years, he has spent a lot of time getting to know the Glenwood plant and its community. He says his customers in Glenwood have become like family.

Rod looks forward to spending retirement with his wife, Cathy, and hopes to spend a lot of time on his boat fishing. Due to his love of fishing, Rod says he will be making more trips to the coast, especially Tillamook Bay. With more time on his hands, he is ready to soak up the sun and spend some time at his crafting table creating tools out of petrified wood.

Rod: The utility will miss your day-to-day presence, but wishes you well on your next life adventures. As you often say, "Fish on." ■



Rod Kiser has been a water wastewater operator at KPUD since 2008. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROD KISER



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