

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
and  
MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3  
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President Farmer called the public hearing teleconference to order at 10:00 a.m. The hearing was held to receive comments on the proposed update to the state mandated Resource Plan as required under RCW 19.280.

The public hearing was held virtually using Microsoft Teams in Shelton, Washington, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

District officers present were: Commissioners, Thomas J. Farmer; Linda R. Gott; Bruce E. Jorgenson; Manager Annette Creekpau; Attorney Robert Johnson; Risk Manager/Auditor Brian Taylor; Finance Manager/Treasurer Sherry Speaks.

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: IS Manager John Bennett; Environmental & Admin Specialist Ali Burgess; Director of Business Operations Michelle Burleson; Public Information & Government Relations Manager Lynn Eaton; Customer Service Manager Diane Hennessy; Conservation Manger Koral Miller; Director of Engineering & Utility Services Justin Holzgrove; Network Systems & Cyber Security Administrator Joel Moore; Power Manager Michele Patterson; Purchasing manager Jennifer Renecker; Administrative Services Manager Mary Taylor-Monger (recorded minutes).

A member of the public in attendance (teleconference) was Randy Lewis of Shelton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Lewis provided public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Patterson explained that in accordance with RCW 19.280 the PUD is holding this hearing to receive comments on the PUD's proposed update to the state mandated Resource Plan, which is required every two years.

As a load following customer of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the PUD will continue to receive the bulk of its resource need from BPA. It is estimated the load will be 82.44 average-MW in 2023 and 99.25 in 2028. In addition to BPA's Tier 1 and Tier 2 power products the PUD will continue to utilize conservation and energy efficiency and its renewable non-federal resources to meet its load. The renewable non-federal resources include the Packwood Hydroelectric project, Nine Canyon Wind, White Creek Wind, and a solar distributed generation system.

The PUD plans to implement CETA provisions under RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050 by 2030 and 2045 by continuing its partnership with BPA thereby taking advantage of its low cost, reliable renewable and non-emitting resources.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Farmer reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda. Mr. Jorgenson moved; motion seconded by Ms. Gott to adopt the consent agenda. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

\*Vouchers audited and certified by the district auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

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| a. Minutes of the August 25, 2020 regular commission meeting. |              |               |
| b. Voucher Nos. (September 1 ,2020) 154907 through 154958     |              | \$ 472,833.18 |
| (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 23721-23735  |              |               |
|   | <b>Total</b> | \$ 472,833.18 |
| c. Governance Policy Expense Approval                         |              |               |

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident Lewis provided public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation was made to adopt the updated Resource Plan under RCW 19.280.

Mrs. Creekpauam stated that the utility is required to update its resource plan every two years under RCW 19.280.

Mr. Jorgenson moved, seconded by Ms. Gott to approve the updated Resource Plan under RCW 19.280. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendation was made to award bid L3-2020 Tahuya River Valley 15kV Distribution Rebuild and Fiber Installation project to low responsible bidder, DJ's Electrical, Inc.

Mrs. Creekpauam stated that DJ's Electrical, Inc. from Brush Prairie, Washington was the low responsible bidder at \$481,317.00 plus tax. This is below the engineer's estimate for the project of \$595,059.10 plus tax. The project is to upgrade the existing overhead 15kV, three-phase distribution feeder and several overhead single-phase taps as well as install a new ready to connect fiber optic distribution network.

Mr. Farmer moved, seconded by Ms. Gott to award bid L3-2020 Tahuya River Valley 15kV Distribution Rebuild and fiber Installation project to low responsible bidder, DJ's Electrical, Inc. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on the current COVID-19 efforts. As of September 4, 2020, there are 356 confirmed COVID-19 cases, forty-seven (47) active cases and one (1) COVID related death in Mason County. As of September 5, 2020, Washington State has 77,235 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,953 COVID related deaths. As of July 2020, unemployment in the Mason County was 12 percent, Washington State was 10.3 percent and the national rate was 10.2 percent.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported that Governor Inslee has extended Proclamation 20-28.9, Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act, from September 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

At Mrs. Creekpaum's request, Mrs. Eaton provided commission with a report on the recent wind event affecting PUD 3 ratepayers. She stated that strong winds on September 7, 2020 caused power outages to just under 6,000 customers. The outage center was opened at 5:00 p.m. to assist with outage calls. By the time of this report on September 8, 2020, apart from 330 customers, power had been restored.

At Mrs. Creekpaum's request, Mrs. Eaton provided commission with a legislative report.

Mrs. Creekpaum stated that staff continues working on the 2021 budget.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ms. Gott reported that she attended an Energy Northwest Executive Board Retreat. This was the first in person meeting since March. She will be attending the NoaNet Board Workshop where bond sale discussions will take place.

Mr. Farmer reported that he attended the virtual Public Power Council meeting. Mr. Farmer also thanked staff for a successful virtual annual employee picnic.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

  
Thomas J Farmer (Sep 23, 2020 09:38 PDT)

Thomas J Farmer, President

  
Linda R. Gott (Sep 23, 2020 10:01 PDT)

Linda R. Gott, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Bruce E. Jorgenson (Sep 23, 2020 10:32 PDT)

Bruce E. Jorgenson, Secretary