

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

President Farmer called a regular meeting of the Mason County PUD No. 3 board of commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams in Shelton, Washington, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

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

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: IS Manager John Bennett; Safety and Environmental Programs Coordinator Ali Burgess; Energy Efficiency Specialist Haylee Dehning; Director of Business Operations Michelle Endicott; Customer Service Manager Diane Hennessy; Director of Engineering & Utility Services Justin Holzgrove; Energy Services Manager Koral Miller; Network Systems & Cyber Security Administrator Joel Moore; Power Manager Michele Patterson; Administrative Services Manager Mary Taylor-Monger (recorded minutes).

Member of the public in attendance was Randy Lewis of Shelton.

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:

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| a. | Minutes of the September 28, 2021, regular commission meeting.  |                        |
| b. | Voucher Nos. (October 5, 2021) 158905 through 158997<br>(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 30012-30080)                                     | \$ 584,406.66          |
| c. | Voucher Nos. (October 12, 2021) 158998 through 159076<br>(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 30081-30291)                                    | \$ <u>3,303,250.53</u> |
|    | <b>Total</b>  | \$ 3,887,657.19        |
| d. | Governance Policy Expense Approval  |                        |
| e. | Void accounts payable checks for the week ending October 1, 2021 in the amount of \$401,071.22 and the week of October 8, 2021 in the amount of \$441.03. |                        |

\*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.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Creekpaum commented on a letter to Staff and Commissioners of PUD 3 from NoaNet, thanking for the ongoing support and dedication to bringing broadband infrastructure to the community.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

## ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve the Washington State Energy Independence Act (I-937) Conservation Targets.

At Mrs. Creekpaum's request, Mrs. Miller provided a review of the conservation targets. She stated that this is reviewed every two years to determine cost-effective and achievable conservation potential. This was developed in conjunction with the Lighthouse Energy Consulting.

Ms. Gott moved, seconded by Mr. Jorgenson to Approve the Washington State Energy Independence Act (I-937) Conservation Targets. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on the current COVID-19 efforts. As of October 12, 2021, there are 4,248 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and fifty-eight (58) COVID related deaths in Mason County. There were 467 new confirmed cases in the last fourteen (14) days and 674 confirmed cases per 100,000 tested. Washington State, as of October 12, 2021, has 606,593 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 8,064 COVID related deaths, and 9.3 million vaccinations given. PUD 3 employee confirmed cases increased in the last seven (7) days. This may be a result of more employees returning to work in the office.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported that the first week of October was Public Power Week. She expressed the importance of public power and the PUD's responsibility to carry on those values that represent our community.

At Mrs. Creekpaum's request, Mrs. Hennessy reported on the recently lifted utility moratorium. She explained that customers are being contacted for payment arrangements and pledges from local agencies. Customers that are or will be disconnected are those that have avoided all contact and have no plan of repayment. The customer service team continues to work diligently with assisting these customers.

Mrs. Creekpaum stated that the October 26, 2021, meeting will include a public hearing for the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP). The meeting has been noticed and final adoption will be during the meeting on November 9, 2021.

At Mrs. Creekpaum's request, Ms. Patterson provided a Purchased Power Statement for August 2021.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on recent Telecom applications. She said sixty-five (65) applications were received in September with a year-to-date total of 455, compared to 372 in 2020. She continued with an

update on engineering applications. In September ninety-four (94) applications were received compared to sixty-nine (69) in 2020. Year-to-date applications are 790 compared to 731 in 2020.

Mrs. Creekpauam stated that the November 9, 2021 commission meeting will include a public hearing for rates, 2022 budget, and commission redistricting. This meeting will be publicly noticed.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ms. Gott reported that she attended the WPAG, PPC Forum and Executive board meetings as well as the Mason PUD 1 customer appreciation drive thru event.

Mr. Farmer reported that he attended the WPAG, PPC, and Mason PUD 1 customer appreciation event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

  
THOMAS J FARMER (Oct 26, 2021 16:13 PDT)

Thomas J Farmer, President

  
Linda R. Gott (Oct 26, 2021 19:25 PDT)

Linda R. Gott, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Bruce Jorgenson (Oct 27, 2021 09:36 PDT)

Bruce E. Jorgenson, Secretary