

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

President Gott called the public hearing of the Mason PUD 3 No. 3 board of commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the PUD 3 auditorium, at 2621 E Johns Prairie Road in Shelton, Washington and virtually using Microsoft Teams in Shelton, Washington, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

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

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: Communications & Government Relations Manager Lynn Eaton; Director of Business Operations Michelle Endicott; Customer Service Manager Diane Hennessey; Director of Engineering & Utility Service Justin Holzgrove; Energy Services Manager Koral Miller; Network Systems & Cyber Security Joel Moore; Power Manager Michele Patterson; Administration Services Manager Mary Taylor-Monger (recorded minutes).

Members of the public in attendance were Randy Lewis of Shelton, Juli Tuson of Shelton, Dedrick Allan of *Mason WebTV*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Patterson explained that in accordance with RCW 19.280 this hearing is being held 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 88.65 average-MW in 2026 and 94.42 in 2031. In addition to BPA's Tier 1 power products the PUD will continue to utilize conservation and energy efficiency and its renewable non-federal resources to meet its load. BPA's Short-Term Tier 2 product will be used for any remaining resource need in 2026. Since the PUD's contract with BPA ends in 2028 and negotiations for the new contract are currently underway it is uncertain if we will continue to use BPA's Short-Term Tier 2 product in 2031. More information will be known as we get closer to executing the new contract. The renewable non-federal resources include the Packwood Hydroelectric project, Nine Canyon Wind, White Creek Wind, and a solar distributed generation system. The Resource Plan identifies the actions the PUD plans to take to implement CETA provisions under RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050 by 2030 and 2045. More detailed information can be found in the PUD's Clean Energy Implementation Plan which is published on its website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lewis requested information on the volatility of wind and solar as part of the fuel mix.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The regular commission meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

MODIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of the August 9, 2022, 2022, regular commission meeting.
- b. Voucher Nos. (August 16, 2022) 162038 through 162138 \$ 3,158,259.12
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 35023-35247)
- c. Voucher Nos. (August 23, 2022) 162139 through 162190 \$ 452,294.86
(Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 35248-35267)
- Total** \$ 3,610,553.98
- d. Governance Policy Expense Approval
- e. Void accounts payable for the week ending August 12, 2022 in the total amount of \$507.50 and week ending August 19, 2022 in the total amount \$1,307.64.
- f. BPA Contract Revisions 09PB-13068

*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.

ACTION ITEM

Recommendation was made to adopt the Updated Resource Plan Under RCW 19.280.

Mr. Farmer moved, seconded by Mr. Jorgenson to adopt the Updated Resource Plan Under RCW 19.280 as presented in the public hearing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Speaks reviewed the status of the budget as of July 31, 2022, with the commissioners. The month-end receipts for July were \$6.2 million, expenditures were \$6.4 million. Finishing the month of July with a month end negative budget of \$220,000.

Mrs. Speaks then provided the treasurer's report of funds through July 2022. The opening cash balance for July was \$7.2 million and was \$7.1 million at month's end. The total of all funds at month-end were \$35.4 million.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on the current COVID-19 efforts. As of August 18, 2022, there were 13,385 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and one hundred fifty-five (155) COVID related deaths in Mason County. There were 128 confirmed cases per 100,000 in the last seven (7) days. Washington State as of August 18, 2022, had 1.7 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and 13,920 COVID related deaths. There was one (1) reported PUD 3 employee confirmed case.

Mrs. Creekpaum reported on the recent 3rd annual employee wellness fair that was held at the Johns Prairie Operating Center. The fair focuses on the mental, physical, and financial health of employees. It was well received with many employees attending. An employee commented on the event thanking PUD 3 for its care, compassion, and understanding of mental health provided by PUD 3.

Mrs. Creekpaum stated that Oysterfest will be held the first weekend in October at the Port of Shelton. PUD 3 will provide Wi-Fi on Wheels (WOW) during the event. The Shuck and Share 5k run fundraiser for project share will be held on October 2nd.

Mrs. Creekpaum requested nomination from the board to continue her position on the Public Power Council (PPC) Executive Committee for the term beginning January 2023. Approval was unanimous by commission. Elections will be held in the coming months.

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ms. Gott reported that she attended the NoaNet meeting and North Mason Community Voice meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Gott requested an update on the future plans of the auditorium and its policy.

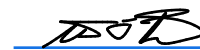
GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further business appearing, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Linda R. Gott (Sep 13, 2022 20:49 PDT)

Linda R. Gott, President



Thomas J Farmer (Sep 14, 2022 13:13 PDT)

Thomas J. Farmer, Vice President

ATTEST:

Bruce E. Jorgenson, Secretary