

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

President Gott called the regular meeting 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, September 13, 2022.

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

The following PUD 3 personnel were present: IS Manager John Bennett; 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, Bill Gaines of Shelton.

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 Ms. Gott to adopt the consent agenda. MOTION PASSED BY TWO-THIRDS. By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

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| a. Minutes of the August 23, 2022, public hearing and regular commission meeting. | | |
| b. Voucher Nos. (August 30, 2022) 162191 through 162268 | \$ | 1,567,898.32 |
| (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 35268-35453) | | |
| c. Voucher Nos. (September 6, 2022) 162269 through 162330 | \$ | 479,927.33 |
| (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 35454-35477) | | |
| d. Voucher Nos. (September 13, 2022) 162331 through 162436 | \$ | <u>1,413,306.41</u> |
| (Includes electronic funds transfer payment Nos. 35478-35682) | | |
| | Total | \$ 3,461,132.06 |
| e. Governance Policy Expense Approval | | |
| f. BPA Energy Conservation Agreement Contract 17ES-11509. | | |

- g. Void accounts payable for the week ending August 26, 2022 in the total amount of \$265.55

*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 Resolution No. 1784, A Resolution Authorizing Public Utility District No. 3 of Mason County to Implement a Special Electrical Grant for Low-Income Customers in Compliance with CETA Legislation.

Mrs. Creekpauam explained that low-income senior discounts have been in effect since 1982 and low-income disability discounts since 1988. The current programs do not meet the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) compliance therefore effective Jan 1, 2022, new qualifying low-income customers will qualify under the CETA regulations. Customers currently in the programs will be grandfathered in under the current requirements.

Ms. Gott moved, motion seconded by Mr. Farmer to adopt Resolution No. 1784, Authorizing Public Utility District No. 3 of Mason County to Implement a Special Electrical Grant for Low-Income Customers in Compliance with CETA Legislation. After a brief discussion, MOTION PASSED BY TWO-THIRDS.

Recommendation was made to adopt Resolution No. 1785, “A Resolution Modifying Mason County PUD No. 3’s Project Share Program”.

Ms. Gott moved, motion seconded by Mr. Farmer to adopt Resolution No. 1785, “A Resolution Modifying Mason County PUD No. 3’s Project Share Program. MOTION PASSED BY TWO-THIRDS.

STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Creekpauam reported on the current COVID-19 efforts. As of September 8, 2022, there were 13,635 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 September 8, 2022, had 1.8 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and 14,122 COVID related deaths. There have been three (3) reported PUD 3 employee confirmed case since August 23, 2022. Governor Inslee announced a rescission of all covid related state emergencies to be done by October 31, 2022. Eighty-five percent have already been lifted. It is unknown if Labor & Industries will change regulations.

Mrs. Creekpauam stated that the annual employee breakfast/picnic was held outside at the Johns Prairie Operating Center on August 25, 2022. This was an opportunity to gather all employees and celebrate accomplishments.

Mrs. Creekpauam provided a Telecom report stating that 37 new construction applications were received in August totaling 310 year to date. In Engineering, 684 total applications have been received year to date compared to 696 in 2021. Service orders total 954 year to date compared to 789 in 2021.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Mr. Farmer attended the Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU) meeting in August.

Ms. Gott reported that she attended the all-employee breakfast, Energy Northwest Executive Board Retreat, and the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Farmer requested an overview of how the energy related portions of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) impact Mason PUD 3 rates and services and how the IRA directly impacts PUD 3 customers for financial incentives or subsidies.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Following the calendar review, the commission meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. to meet in executive session for no more than 15 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

At 10:37 a.m. executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 10:42 a.m. the executive session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

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



Linda R. Gott (Sep 27, 2022 14:46 PDT)

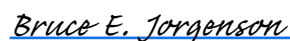
Linda R. Gott, President



Thomas J Farmer (Sep 27, 2022 15:12 PDT)

Thomas J. Farmer, Vice President

ATTEST:



Bruce E. Jorgenson (Sep 27, 2022 15:13 PDT)

Bruce E. Jorgenson, Secretary