

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

**June 30, 2021**

**1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Commissioner Atul Deshmane. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law. Those present via Zoom and teleconference included Commissioner Mike Murphy, Commissioner Christine Grant, Commissioner Atul Deshmane, and Legal Counsel Jon Sitkin. Staff attending via teleconference/Zoom: Steve Jilk, General Manager; Ann Grimm, Executive Assistant; Rebecca Schlotterback, Manager of Contracts and Regulatory Compliance; Annette Smith, Director of Finance; Brian Walters, Assistant General Manager; Paul Siegmund, Manager of Automation and Technology; Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Technician; Alec Strand; Project Manager; and, Traci Irvine Accountant I.

**Public attending via teleconference:**

Gina Stark, Port of Bellingham

Scott Wallace, Mt. Baker Foundation

Lauren Turner, Phillips 66

RB Tewksbury, Citizen

Ken Bell, Port of Bellingham

Debbie Ahl, Mt. Baker Foundation

Mary Rivkin, Citizen

**2. Work Session on Broadband Development**

Deshmane announced the agenda was to discuss broadband collaboration with the Port of Bellingham. No public comment will be taken. The timeframe is limited due to a meeting scheduled to begin with Port staff at 4:00 p.m.

The Commission discussed different aspects of the Port and the PUD working on Broadband services development in the County, the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Bellingham and the newly established Broadband Steering Committee with representatives of the PUD and the Port of Bellingham.

A meeting of the Broadband Steering Committee will occur today at 4:00 PM.

Deshmane had no other items and asked if there are other topics to discuss today. Sitkin replied that as “broadband program discussion” is the sole item on the agenda, no other topics/action could be discussed or made.

No other comments were made.

**3. Adjourn**

There being no further business for the meeting, Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the special meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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Atul Deshmane, President

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Michael Murphy, Vice President

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Christine Grant, Secretary

APPROVED: JULY 27, 2021