

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
May 13, 2025**

1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Commissioner Atul Deshmane. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law.

Those present at the meeting included:

COMMISSION AND STAFF

Atul Deshmane	Commissioner
Jaime Arnett	Commissioner
Eddy Ury	Commissioner
Chris Heimgartner	General Manager
Jon Sitkin	General Counsel, CSD Attorneys at Law
Aaron Peterson	IT/SCADA Technician
Andrew Entrikin	Director – Broadband and New Power Supply
Garrett Love-Smith	Engineering Manager
Joseph Shay	Clerk of the Board / Records
Kurt Wank	Assistant General Manager
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications
Mike Macomber	IT/SCADA Technician
Rebecca Schlotterback	Contracts and Regulatory Compliance Manager
Stephanie Hooper	Accountant I

VISITORS

Sarah Mack	Foster Garvey PC
Matt Wells	Foster Garvey PC
Sara Frase	CSD Law
Stephan Jilk	Consultant
Dave Olson	Citizen

2. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:

Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025 & Approval of the Claims of May 13, 2025:

Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve the consent agenda as a whole including both the minutes and the claims. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims of April 8, 2025:

ALUMICHEM CANADA INC (formerly WATERHOUSE ENV.)	61,287.20
APPLIED DIGITAL IMAGING	91.56
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	53.04
ASPEN, INC.	4,802.00
ASTOUND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	555.85
AT&T MOBILITY	1,847.88
COMPLETE DESIGN INC	53,990.87
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	1,250.49
CRINA HOYER CONSULTING	390.70
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	241.49

DESHMANE, ATUL	21.30
DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC	1,394.71
EAGLE-EYE AERIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC	37,950.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	450.00
EXACT SCIENTIFIC SERVICES INC.	30.00
FASTENAL	44.98
FEDERAL EXPRESS	54.33
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	177.79
FERNDALE AUTO PARTS	5.86
FERNDALE CITY OF	305.98
FOSTER GARVEY PC	13,200.50
FRONTIER PRECISION, INC.	538.57
GOODWIN, CHRISTOPHER	87.00
GRAY MATTER SYSTEMS, LLC	5,400.00
GUARDIAN SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	3,260.23
HACKER, RONALD G	100.87
HARDWARE SALES, INC .	187.06
HD FOWLER CO, INC	2,549.59
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	150.00
HEIMGARTNER, CHRIS	1,303.64
HOOPER, STEPHANIE	53.20
MILLS ELECTRIC	2,548.64
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	1,644.95
NORTH COAST ELECTRIC COMPANY	89,765.58
NORTHWEST CASCADE, INC.	343.50
NORTHWEST FIBER DBA ZIPLY FIBER	868.91
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	329.68
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	289,743.75
PACIFIC POWER BATTERIES	642.01
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	1,428.33
POWER DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	11,327.05
PROSCAPES	5,298.56
PUD #1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY	2.68
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	6,145.40
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	43,645.20
RICOH USA	153.74
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	675.24
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	837.00
ULINE, INC.	9,398.73
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	475.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	24.30
VALVOLINE	70.27
WASHINGTON ALARM, INC.	511.36
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	3,033.80
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	16,048.80
WHATCOM FARMERS CO-OP	211.11
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,575.00
WONDERWARE PACWEST	29,006.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 707,531.36

4. Public Comment – None

5. General Manager’s Report – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported to the commission that the Washington State Public Works Board was seeking a nomination for someone for the board. The General Manager requested the commission consider a motion to nominate Andrew Entrikin for consideration to be on the Public Works Board. Commissioner Arnett made a

motion to nominate Andrew Entrikin for consideration to be appointed to the Washington State Public Works Board. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The General Manager also reported to the commission that Bonneville Power Administration has officially joined SPP Markets Plus. He stated Puget Power has also joined SPP Markets Plus.

The General Manager also informed the commission he will be attending three meetings in the upcoming months. May 30th he will be at a WPUDA Meeting regarding municipal water law, July 22nd he will be at the NWPPA E&O steering committee meeting to discuss fusion and August 20th – 24th he will be at a meeting regarding power transmission in the Western United States.

6. Operations Report – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager reported to the commission on several projects the PUD operations crew have been working on. Firstly, Mr. Wank noted a drone inspection of the PUD’s transmission line has been completed. Secondly, he reported the PUD is working with a firm to perform pole strength testing on the PUD’s power poles. Thirdly, annual vegetation management has begun. Lastly, operation and maintenance staff pulled and refurbished an intake pump at Plant 2.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband Update – Andrew Entrikin, Director of Broadband and New Power Supply reported to the commission on the Point Roberts project noting that the entirety of Point Roberts has been designated a culturally significant site and therefore the project needs to be rescoped. Washington State has approved funds to offset the costs of the rescoping. Because of the designation the project will have to be completed with no ground disturbance, which will mean replacing poles in their existing locations. Mr. Entrikin also reported on round 2 of the BEAD grant and noted it ends this Friday. The Port, as lead agency, is working with four partners to submit applications for funding.

b) Adjudication Update – Jon Sitkin, Legal Counsel reported the steering committee has been working through the slow process of sorting out details of the adjudication rules.

d) Geothermal Update – Andrew Entrikin, Director of Broadband and New Power Supply reported there are no new updates on the project.

e) Strategic Plan Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the commission there will be meetings on the vision and the strategic plan over the next two Fridays, with tentative plans for a follow up meeting regarding visioning on the third Friday if necessary.

8. New Business

Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with Mason County PUD 3 and the transfer of \$378,000 in BPA EEI budget listed in Exhibit A to the Agreement. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:

Commissioner Arnett talked about attending a recent WPUDA meeting and noted she had met with the new WPUDA Board President.

Commissioner Ury reported he will be attending the upcoming Whatcom Council of Governments meeting.

Commissioner Deshmane reported he had recent meetings regarding broadband. He noted meeting with local elected officials to discuss BEAD. He also noted attending the most recent EDI meeting and the most recent PPC meeting.

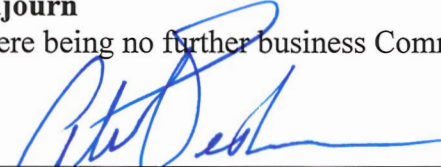
10. Public Comment – None

11. Executive Session


An executive session was had to discuss adjudication. No action was taken. The session began at 9:30 AM and concluded at 11:00 AM with the regular commission meeting resuming after the conclusion of the executive session.

12. Adjourn

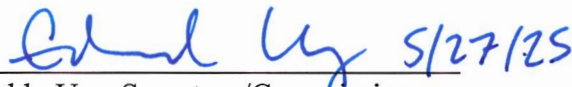
There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

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Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

Commission Clerk Note:

Video recordings of the Whatcom PUD Commission Meetings are available online at the following link on the PUD's Website: <https://www.pudwhatcom.org/the-commission/agenda-packets-meeting-minutes-recordings/>