

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1  
of Whatcom County**

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025  
8:15 a.m. at the PUD Office  
(Zoom, & Teleconference)

1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)
3. Consent Agenda (5 minutes)
  - a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025 and the Special Meeting of May 30, 2025
  - b) Approval of Claims for June 10, 2025
4. Public Comment (10 minutes – Individual speakers: 3 minutes)
5. General Manager Report (20 minutes)
6. Operations Report (10 minutes)
7. Old Business (30 minutes)
  - a) Broadband Update
  - b) Adjudication Update
  - c) Geothermal Update
  - d) Strategic Plan Update
8. New Business (10 minutes)
  - a) None as of publication
9. Commissioner Reports (10 minutes)
  - a) Upcoming Per Diem Requests  
Commissioner Arnett: None as of publication  
Commissioner Ury: None as of publication  
Commissioner Deshmane: None as of publication
10. Public Comment (10 minutes– Individual speakers: 3 minutes)
11. Executive Session: None as of publication.
12. Adjourn (Estimated 9:45 AM)

**Notice:**

All Commissioners will participate either via Zoom/internet or teleconference.

**The public meeting can be accessed;**

**By internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263103498>**

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**2025 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JAIME ARNETT  
ATUL DESHMANE  
EDDY URY

**Next Commission Meetings**

June 24, 2025 |8:15 a.m.| Regular Meeting

July 08, 2025 |8:15 a.m.| Regular Meeting

Meetings to be held at the District Office

1705 Trigg Road, Ferndale, WA 98248

*or other location announced*

Contact: Chris Heimgartner, General Manager (360) 384-4288 x 119

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**Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County**  
**Commission Meeting Attendance Sheet**

**Date of Meeting:** May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Platform: Hybrid In Person Zoom

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjourn: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjourn to Executive Session \_\_\_\_\_ *if applicable*

In Attendance:  
 Initial Please:

- AD Atul Deshmane, Commissioner
- JMA Jaime Arnett, Commissioner
- X Eddy Ury, Commissioner
- X Jon Sitkin/Peter Ruffatto, Legal Counsel
- X Chris Heimgartner, General Manager
- X Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Technician
- X Andrew Entrikin, Director - Broadband and New Power Supply
- AS Annette Smith, Finance Director
- Devin Crabtree, Chief Water Operator
- X Garrett Love-Smith, Engineering Manager
- Jacob Wittmer, Automation Technician
- Jon Littlefield, Electric System Supervisor
- Joe McKenna, Project Manager
- X Joseph Shay, Clerk of the Board / Records
- X Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager
- X Lisa Moeller, Director - HR & Communications
- X Mike Macomber, IT/SCADA Technician
- Paul Siegmund, Automation & Technology Manager
- X Rebecca Schlotterback, Contracts & Regulatory Compliance Manager
- SH Stephanie Hooper, Accountant I

Also in Attendance:

Name/Organization	Name/Organization
Robin Dexter	citizen
Dave Olson	Citizen
Todd Lagester	Citizen

Name (original name)	Join time	Leave time	Duration (1 Guest	Recording In waiting room
Mike M.   Whatcom PUD - IT	5/27/2025 8:02	5/27/2025 10:33	152 No	OK No
Jon Sitkin	5/27/2025 8:02	5/27/2025 8:04	2 Yes	No Respor No
Joseph Shay	5/27/2025 8:02	5/27/2025 10:33	152 No	No Respor No
Whatcom PUD	5/27/2025 8:02	5/27/2025 8:03	1 No	No Respor No
Whatcom PUD	5/27/2025 8:03	5/27/2025 10:33	151 No	No Respor No
stephanieh	5/27/2025 8:03	5/27/2025 9:25	82 Yes	No Respor No
Jon Sitkin	5/27/2025 8:04	5/27/2025 8:05	1 Yes	No Respor No
Michael	5/27/2025 8:05	5/27/2025 10:33	149 Yes	No Respor No
Jon Sitkin	5/27/2025 8:05	5/27/2025 9:24	80 Yes	No Respor No
Annette Smith	5/27/2025 8:11	5/27/2025 8:12	2 No	No Respor No
Rebecca Schlotterback	5/27/2025 8:11	5/27/2025 9:24	74 No	No Respor No
Kurt Wank	5/27/2025 8:12	5/27/2025 9:31	80 No	No Respor No
Annette Smith	5/27/2025 8:12	5/27/2025 9:24	72 No	No Respor No
Dave Olson	5/27/2025 8:14	5/27/2025 9:25	71 Yes	No Respor No
Aaron Peterson	5/27/2025 8:14	5/27/2025 10:33	140 No	OK No
garrettl	5/27/2025 8:19	5/27/2025 9:25	67 Yes	No Respor No
Jon Littlefield	5/27/2025 8:23	5/27/2025 9:25	62 Yes	No Respor No

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
May 27, 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
Annette Smith	Finance Director
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**

Robin Dexter	Citizen
Todd Lagestee	Citizen
Dave Olson	Citizen

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:**

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

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025, the Special Meetings of May 16 and May 23, 2025 & Approval of the Claims of May 27, 2025:**

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

**Claims of May 27, 2025:**

INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	180.07
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION	815,189.00
CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY	105.53
CESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	123.39
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	15,635.72
COMCAST	322.09
DESHMANE, ATUL	724.28
FOSTER GARVEY PC	10,650.00
GUARDIAN SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	242.38
HARDWARE SALES, INC	255.31
HD FOWLER CO, INC	412.96

HDR ENGINEERING, INC.	29,887.04
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	26,458.40
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	16,960.00
MAUL FOSTER & ALONGI	13,951.25
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	554.80
NESS CRANE SERVICE, INC	10,651.43
PACIFIC SURVEY & ENGINEERING	10,106.25
PAYLOCITY	421.64
PAYROLL	279,738.42
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	201.92
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	8,587.40
PORTAL WAY FARM & GARDEN	22.87
POWER DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	9,960.74
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	787.88
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	1,323.62
SHAY, JOSEPH	389.20
SMITH MECHANICAL	1,334.76
STAR RENTALS	1,708.88
TOTH AND ASSOCIATES, INC	2,552.50
URY, EDWARD	1,840.92
US BANK	1,052,986.32
VALVOLINE	224.68
WA FEDERAL VISA CARD MEMBER SERVICES	13,576.76
WA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	75.00
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE - EXCISE TAX	102,621.03
WASHINGTON ALARM, INC.	190.59
WEST COAST MARINE SERVICES, INC	12,946.07
WESTERN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS	10,122.00
WHISTLE WORKWEAR	285.02
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,454,308.12</b>

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. General Manager’s Report** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager introduces Lisa Moeller, Director of HR & Communications to brief the commission on the plans for the upcoming PUD open house and the work being done on the PUD’s float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Ms. Moeller explained the plans for the open house and the work done so far on the float and took questions from the commissioners.

The General Manager reported to the commission on the information he presented to WIRA 1 about his work with the Ag Water Board to bring back a water bank to Whatcom County.

**6. Operations Report** – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager reported to the commission on the variable frequency drive 4 pump that failed necessitating the declaration of an emergency. Mr. Wank noted the pump has been fixed and is back on line. Mr. Wank was asked about the status of the vegetation cleanup around the PUD and he noted that it is progressing.

**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 project timeline is in jeopardy due to the late-stage redesign that has had to take place because of the inability to perform ground disturbing activities.

**b) Adjudication Update** – None

**d) Geothermal Update** – None

**e) Strategic Plan Update** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager presented a combined strategic plan and budget timeline to the commission. He reviewed the timeline with the commission and discussion was had.

**8. New Business**

Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve the 2026 budget schedule as presented to the commission. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:**

Commissioner Arnett talked about attending a recent WIRA 1 meeting and noted the WIRA 1 board had approved the 5-year work plan including water efficiency. Commissioner Arnett asked the General Manager to forward the plan to the other commissioners.

Commissioner Ury had nothing to report.

Commissioner Deshmane reported he had attended the Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee where discussion was had regarding the Yakima adjudication which he found interesting and informative. Commissioner Deshmane also reported on other meetings and activities he has recently participated in.

**10. Public Comment** – Robin Dexter addressed the commission about the difficulty in getting construction and development projects done and noted several of the reasons why. He noted that elected officials everywhere are experiencing these problems.

**11. Executive Session**

An executive session was had for a performance review of the General Manager. No action was taken. The session began at 9:30 AM and concluded at 10:32 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 10:33 a.m.

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Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner

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Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

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Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

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**Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County**  
**Commission Meeting Attendance Sheet**

Date of Meeting: May 30, 2025 Platform: Hybrid In Person Zoom

Start Time: 1:00 PM Adjourn: 1:57 PM

Adjourn to Executive Session \_\_\_\_\_ *if applicable*

In Attendance:

Initial Please:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Atul Deshmane, Commissioner
- JA \_\_\_\_\_ Jaime Arnett, Commissioner
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Eddy Ury, Commissioner
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Jon Sitkin/Peter Ruffatto, Legal Counsel
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Heimgartner, General Manager
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Technician
- \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Entrikin, Director - Broadband and New Power Supply
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Annette Smith, Finance Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Devin Crabtree, Chief Water Operator
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob Wittmer, Automation Technician
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jon Littlefield, Electric System Supervisor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Joe McKenna, Project Manager
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Shay, Clerk of the Board / Records
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Moeller, Director - HR & Communications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Macomber, IT/SCADA Technician
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Siegmund, Automation & Technology Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca Schlotterback, Contracts & Regulatory Compliance Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stephanie Hooper, Accountant I

Also in Attendance:

Name/Organization	Name/Organization
<u>Crina Hoyer</u>	<u>Crina Hoyer Consulting</u>
<u>Robin Dexter</u>	<u>Citizen</u>
<u>Todd Lagestee</u>	<u>Citizen</u>
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Name (original name)	Join time	Leave time	Duration (1 Guest	Recording In waiting room
Aaron Peterson	5/30/2025 12:41	5/30/2025 13:57	77 No	OK No
Whatcom PUD	5/30/2025 12:41	5/30/2025 12:43	3 No	No Respor No
Whatcom PUD	5/30/2025 12:44	5/30/2025 13:57	74 No	No Respor No
Joseph Shay	5/30/2025 12:55	5/30/2025 13:57	63 No	No Respor No
Annette Smith	5/30/2025 12:55	5/30/2025 13:57	62 No	No Respor No
Jon Sitkin	5/30/2025 12:57	5/30/2025 12:58	1 Yes	No Respor No
Jon Sitkin	5/30/2025 12:59	5/30/2025 13:57	59 Yes	No Respor No
Kurt Wank	5/30/2025 13:00	5/30/2025 13:57	58 No	No Respor No

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
May 30, 2025**

**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 1:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jaime Arnett. 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**

Jaime Arnett	Commissioner
Eddy Ury	Commissioner
Chris Heimgartner	General Manager
Jon Sitkin	General Counsel, CSD Attorneys at Law
Aaron Peterson	IT/SCADA Technician
Joseph Shay	Clerk of the Board / Records
Kurt Wank	Assistant General Manager
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications

**VISITORS**

Crina Hoyer	Crina Hoyer Consulting
Robin Dexter	Citizen
Todd Lagestee	Citizen

**2. Agenda**

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to: Hold a Vision Workshop to work on the PUD’s vision and mission statements. The Commission and General Manager met with Crina Hoyer of Hoyer Consulting to present their individual plans and ideas for the mission and vision statements of PUD No. 1 of Whatcom County. A lively and informative discussion was had with ideas from the commissioners and the general manager being presented and considered for the mission and vision statements for the PUD.

The Commission will continue work on the vision and mission statements at a later meeting with the date as yet to be determined.

**3. Adjourn**

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

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Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

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