

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

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 24, 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 June 10, 2025 and the Special Meeting of June 19, 2025
 - b) Approval of Claims for June 24, 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) Action 1: Award E-6 Allans Road Improvements Project Contract to Salish Construction Company and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Agreement.
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: Adjudication (5 to 10 Minutes)
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/86370659702>

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<p>Or telephone: Dial 1 (253) 215 8782 <u>or</u> 1 (253) 205 0468 Webinar ID: 863 7065 9702</p>

Next Commission Meetings

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

July 11, 2025 |1:00 p.m.| Open House

July 22, 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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Name (original name)	Join time	Leave time	Duration (Guest	Recording	In waiting room
Mike M. Whatcom PUD - IT	6/10/2025 8:10	6/10/2025 9:26	77 No	OK	No
Whatcom PUD	6/10/2025 8:10	6/10/2025 8:10	1 No	No Respor	No
Joseph Shay	6/10/2025 8:10	6/10/2025 9:26	76 No	No Respor	No
Whatcom PUD	6/10/2025 8:10	6/10/2025 9:26	76 No	No Respor	No
Atul Deshmane	6/10/2025 8:10	6/10/2025 9:26	76 No	No Respor	No
Rebecca Schlotterback	6/10/2025 8:11	6/10/2025 9:26	75 No	No Respor	No
Michael	6/10/2025 8:13	6/10/2025 9:26	74 Yes	No Respor	No
Kurt Wank	6/10/2025 8:13	6/10/2025 9:26	73 No	No Respor	No
garrettl	6/10/2025 8:13	6/10/2025 9:26	73 Yes	No Respor	No
stephanieh	6/10/2025 8:13	6/10/2025 9:26	73 Yes	No Respor	No
Annette Smith	6/10/2025 8:14	6/10/2025 9:26	73 No	No Respor	No
Aaron Peterson	6/10/2025 8:16	6/10/2025 9:26	70 No	OK	No

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
June 10, 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
Peter Ruffatto	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

None

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 May 27, 2025, the Special Meetings of May30, 2025 & Approval of the Claims of June 10, 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 May 27, 2025:

ASTOUND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	555.85
AT&T MOBILITY	1,843.99
COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC	10,320.00
COMPLETE DESIGN INC	30,854.56
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	1,518.00
CRABTREE, DEVIN	537.52
CRINA HOYER CONSULTING	4,995.15
CRITICAL INSIGHT INC	7,500.00
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	277.30
DIGITAL BOUNDARY GROUP, INC.	30,700.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	529.00
EXACT SCIENTIFIC SERVICES INC.	30.00

FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	78.35
GOODWIN, CHRISTOPHER	345.85
HARDWARE SALES, INC.	202.37
HD FOWLER CO, INC	61.04
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	150.00
HEIMGARTNER, CHRIS	824.30
HESS, DEVIN	160.00
HOOPER, STEPHANIE	31.50
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	1,195.52
NORTHWEST CASCADE, INC.	343.50
NORTHWEST FIBER DBA ZIPLY FIBER	868.91
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	1,871.36
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	99.51
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	56.54
PUD #1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY	1,578.32
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	3,265.08
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	45,628.55
RICOH USA	115.78
SERVEPRO OF WHATCOM COUNTY	4,352.00
SMITH MECHANICAL	478.73
SOUND WATER SERVICES	5,925.00
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	930.24
STERICYCLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	121.39
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	732.00
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	475.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	18.90
VALVOLINE	130.36
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	3,033.80
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	14,042.70
WEST COAST MARINE SERVICES, INC	337.90
WHATCOM FARMERS CO-OP	57.73
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,575.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 178,748.60

4. Public Comment – None

5. General Manager’s Report – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager addressed the signup for the Helion Fusion tour as part of the upcoming WPUA meeting and the security protocols for signing up for that tour. The General Manager also noted Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager would be filling in for him at the July 22nd meeting as he will be out of town at a conference.

6. Operations Report – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager reported on the recent roof replacement at the main office and noted its completion. Mr. Wank noted that the gutters should be installed tomorrow (June 11, 2025). Lastly Mr. Wank reported that work on the D Station project has resumed.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the commission that NTIA has given notice that has essentially nullified all BEAD awards and have asked for all bids to be resubmitted to the State, and the State will select the lowest bids. NTIA has given the State 90 days to complete this process.

b) Adjudication Update – None as of this meeting but there will be one at the second meeting in June.

d) Geothermal Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager and Andrew Entrikin, Director – Broadband and New Power Supply informed the commissioners of the difficulties faced in land acquisition for the geothermal project. The General Manager asked the commission for approval to contact the PUD’s congressional representatives for assistance in moving the land acquisition process along. The Commission approved the General Manager’s request.

e) **Strategic Plan Update** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the commission of the two meetings needed for the strategic planning process. One meeting will be with Crina Hoyer and the other will be with Maul, Foster, Alongi. Joseph Shay, Clerk to the Board / Records will work to schedule the meeting for the commissioners.

8. New Business

None

9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:

Commissioner Arnett had nothing to report.

Commissioner Ury reported on his upcoming meeting and his recent work with Energy Northwest

Commissioner Deshmane reported on his attendance to the PPC meetings.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Executive Session

None.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner

Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

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Name (original name)	Join time	Leave time	Duration (1 Guest	Recording disclai	In waiting room
Aaron Peterson	6/19/2025 7:53	6/19/2025 11:00	187 No	OK	No
Whatcom PUD	6/19/2025 7:55	6/19/2025 11:00	186 No	No Response	No
Steve Klein	6/19/2025 8:03	6/19/2025 8:20	18 Yes	No Response	No
Gary Saleba	6/19/2025 8:05	6/19/2025 11:00	175 Yes	No Response	No
Joseph Shay	6/19/2025 8:06	6/19/2025 11:00	175 No	No Response	No
Kurt Wank	6/19/2025 8:14	6/19/2025 11:00	166 No	No Response	No
Jack Donahue	6/19/2025 8:16	6/19/2025 11:00	164 Yes	No Response	No
Jon Sitkin	6/19/2025 8:22	6/19/2025 11:00	158 Yes	No Response	No
Steve Klein	6/19/2025 8:25	6/19/2025 11:00	155 Yes	No Response	No
Hilary Wilkinson	6/19/2025 9:55	6/19/2025 11:00	65 Yes	No Response	No

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
June 19, 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 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
Joseph Shay	Clerk of the Board / Records
Kurt Wank	Assistant General Manager
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications

VISITORS

Hilary Wilkinson	Maul, Foster & Alongi
Jack Donahue	Maul, Foster & Alongi
Gary Saleba	Strategic Energy Experts, LLC
Steve Klein	Strategic Energy Experts, LLC

2. Agenda

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to: hold a strategic planning session to work on the PUD’s strategic plan. The Commission and General Manager met with representatives from Maul, Foster & Alongi, and Strategic Energy Experts. Commissioners and staff worked with the representatives of Maul, Foster & Alongi and Strategic Energy Experts on providing input and shaping various parts of the strategic plan. No public comment was heard and no action was taken during the meeting.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner

Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

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Memo

To: Commissioners Arnett, Deshmane, and Ury
From: Garrett Love-Smith, Engineering Manager
Date: June 24, 2025
Re: Award Bid to Salish Electric for E-6 Allans Road Improvements

Requested Action: AWARD E-6 ALLANS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT TO SALISH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Background: Whatcom PUD staff had been tracking residential development on Allans Road that has potential impact to the Whatcom PUD easement for the 115kV electric transmission line. Due to a new housing development, it has been determined that maintenance to the line structures is in jeopardy as a result of the development encumbering on the structures. This led to district staff working with Toth Engineering to design a new single steel pole to replace the existing H Frame structure for ease of maintenance and safety with the development around the easement.

The bid opening for E-6 Allans Road Improvements Project Contract was held on Friday, June 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The Request for Bid Proposals were sent directly to five companies, whose qualifications were deemed to meet the requirements for work being performed. One bid package was received and were deemed responsive.

On June 9th, 2025 the District received and publicly read aloud one (1) bid submitted for this project. Totals do not include tax.

Staff's review of the Salish Construction Company bid package determined that the Bid was responsive.

The results of the bids are as follows:

Low Bidder:	Salish Construction Company	
	E-6 Allans Road Improvements	\$128,940.00 (tax not included)

Staff recommends awarding the Contract for E-6 Allans Road Improvements to Salish Construction Company.

Fiscal Impact: The project was planned during the last budget phased under the CIP E-6 with a total budget for 2025 of 95,000.00. With rising cost of materials, the bid came in higher due to steel cost which was expected with current market conditions that came about early this spring. The bid is, however, within the RCW requirements as relates to the Engineers Estimate. The remainder of the project will be covered out of Electrical operations and maintenance costs.

Requested Actions: AWARD E-6 ALLANS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT TO SALISH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

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