

**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 May 30, 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

FERNDAL 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
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 178,748.60</b>

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

  
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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

**Commission Clerk Note:**

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