

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
June 24, 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
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
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications
Mike Macomber	IT/SCADA Technician
Rebecca Schlotterback	Contracts and Regulatory Compliance Manager
Stephanie Hooper	Accountant I

VISITORS

Todd Lagestee	Citizen
Tyler McDevitt	Phillips 66
Dave Olson	Citizen

2. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:

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

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025, the Special Meetings of June 19, 2025 & Approval of the Claims of June 24, 2025:

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

Claims of May 27, 2025:

ALUMICHEM CANADA INC (formerly WATERHOUSE ENV.)	32,910.00
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	359.96
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION	732,620.00
CARL'S MOWER & SAW, INC	27.24
CLEARING UP: NEWSDATA SERVICE	1,842.10
COMCAST	322.09
COMPRESSORS NORTHWEST (AIRWARE INC)	5,305.89
ENTRIKIN, ANDREW	2,564.00
FEDERAL EXPRESS	15.27
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	124.79
FERNDALE AUTO PARTS	158.79
FOSTER GARVEY PC	19,804.00

GRAY MATTER SYSTEMS, LLC	10,596.90
HARDWARE SALES, INC .	55.14
HD FOWLER CO, INC	38.06
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	27,621.55
ESCAPE VELOCITY - TRACE 3 (IVOXY CONSULTING LLC)	2,504.23
JTI COMMERCIAL SERVICES LLC	15,883.71
KNOWBE4, INC.	1,357.82
LISTEN AUDIOLOGY SERVICES, INC	660.00
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	16,660.00
MAUL FOSTER & ALONGI	23,113.77
MOELLER, LISA	603.71
NORTH COAST ELECTRIC COMPANY	120.00
NW PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION	135.00
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	248.74
PACIFIC SURVEY & ENGINEERING	12,126.25
PAYLOCITY	441.64
PAYROLL	295,246.98
PITNEY BOWES/PURCHASE POWER	136.63
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	664.13
PROSCAPES	9,226.24
PUBLIC UTILITY RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	26,554.81
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	145.56
RICOH USA	5.10
RICOH USA FINANCIAL SVC	256.46
SMITH MECHANICAL	5,634.76
STAR RENTALS	2,437.71
SUPER WINDOWS	1,395.00
TOTH AND ASSOCIATES, INC	10,120.00
WA FEDERAL VISA CARD MEMBER SERVICES	7,840.78
WA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	115.00
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE - EXCISE TAX	97,647.11
WESTERN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS	12,598.15
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,378,245.07

4. Public Comment – None

5. General Manager’s Report – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager introduced Lisa Moeller, Director of HR and Communications who presented the commission with draft handouts and information related to the upcoming PUD open house on July 11th. The commissioners reviewed the materials and approved of them.

6. Operations Report – Garrett Love-Smith, Engineering Manager reported on the ongoing summer projects being worked on by PUD maintenance and operations crew. Mr. Love-Smith noted that work on the D State project is moving along smoothly.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the commission that not much has changed since the last broadband update. The General Manager suggested that the best course of action for the PUD in regards to the BEAD grant would be to resubmit the previous proposals for consideration. The commission requested a broadband update session at a future meeting of no more than 2 hours.

b) Adjudication Update – Jon Sitkin, Legal Counsel, reported that the courts will be extending the stay on filing of motions in the adjudication and that the Case Standing Committee are working on timelines for motion processing and response processes.

d) Geothermal Update – None

e) Strategic Plan Update – None

8. New Business

Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve action item no. 1 to Award E-6 Allans Road improvements project contract to Salish Construction Company and authorize the general manager to execute the agreement. Commissioner Deshmane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:

Commissioner Ury had nothing new to report

Commissioner Deshmane had nothing new to report.

10. Public Comment

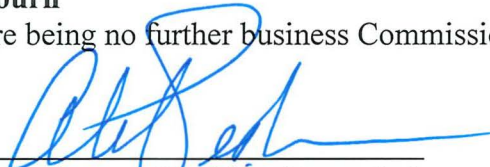
Todd Lagestee suggested that the PUD Commission may want to have a presence at the Whatcom County Business Advisory Committee especially with the adjudication process having just started.

11. Executive Session

A 10-minute executive session regarding adjudication was had starting at 9:05 AM and ending at 9:15 AM.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

Commission Clerk Note:

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