

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
October 14, 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 8:16 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
Jon Sitkin	General Counsel, CSD Attorneys at Law
Peter Ruffatto	General Counsel, CSD Attorneys at Law
Chris Heimgartner	General Manager
Aaron Peterson	IT/SCADA Technician
Andrew Entrikin	Director – Broadband and New Power Supply
Annette Smith	Finance Director
Garrett Love-Smith	Engineering Manager
Jon Littlefield	Electric System Supervisor
Joseph McKenna	Project Manager
Joseph Shay	Clerk of the Board / Records
Kurt Wank	Assistant General Manager
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications
Rebecca Schlotterback	Contracts and Regulatory Compliance Manager
Stephanie Hooper	Accountant I

**VISITORS**

Dave	Citizen
Nash El-Badawi	BP
Todd Lagestee	Citizen

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:**

Section 7a regarding the budget presentation was removed as it is scheduled for the second meeting in October and was put on the agenda by mistake. Also, the General Manager wished to add the introduction of our new electrician onto the agenda. Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve the agenda with the change in the order of business. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Executive Director introduced Lucas Soren the PUD’s new electrician to the commissioners and staff.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025, Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 06, 2025, and Approval of the Claims of October 14, 2025:**

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

**Claims of October 14, 2025:**

INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	11.60
ASTOUND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	555.85
AT&T MOBILITY	1,838.21
BLUEBEAM INC	2,419.02
CARL'S MOWER & SAW, INC	80.63
CARLSON STEEL WORKS, INC	75.80

CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY	105.53
CESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2,215.17
COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC	13,808.00
COMPLETE DESIGN INC	16,202.14
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	736.00
CREATIVE ROOF SOLUTIONS	2,435.75
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	229.56
EXACT SCIENTIFIC SERVICES INC.	30.00
FASTENAL	26.22
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	283.43
FERNDALE AUTO PARTS	482.71
HARDWARE SALES, INC .	148.77
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	150.00
HEIMGARTNER, CHRIS	643.55
HERITAGE ENGINEERING GROUP	17,567.25
HESS, DEVIN	222.70
HOOPER, STEPHANIE	53.20
INTEGRATED UNDERWATER SERVICES	5,413.40
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	1,290.80
NORTH COAST ELECTRIC COMPANY	12,210.68
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	340.47
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	1,871.36
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	438.62
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	719.13
PROSCAPES	565.76
PUBLIC UTILITY RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	11,791.32
PUD #1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY	5,002.92
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	8,631.24
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	52,423.22
RICOH USA	73.08
RICOH USA FINANCIAL SVC	128.23
RWC GROUP	304.53
SPECIAL-T STRIPING & SIGN COMPANY	654.00
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	683.42
STAR RENTALS	1,708.88
STERICYCLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	181.63
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	744.00
ULINE, INC.	766.91
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	425.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	24.30
WA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	85.00
WA ST AUDITOR'S OFFICE	3,058.00
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	3,033.80
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	14,042.70
WHATCOM FARMERS CO-OP	371.71
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,575.00
WHISTLE WORKWEAR	201.07
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 189,081.27</b>

4. **Public Comment** – None.

5. **General Manager's Report** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported on his attendance to the Water Workshop and PPC Conference. The General Manager noted that the major topic of discussion at the Water Workshop was the aquifers in Central Washington being depleted. One of the major topics of discussion at the PPC Conference was the need for power grid expansion.

6. **Operations Report** – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager informed the commission that the Plant 2 waste basin cleaning project has been completed and he presented photographs of the project’s progression to the commission.

7. **Old Business**

a) **Broadband Update** – Andrew Entrikin, Director – Broadband and New Power Supply, reported on the Point Roberts Project and its progression. Mr. Entrikin also reported on his attendance at the Telecom Workshop.

b) **Adjudication Update** – Jon Sitkin, General Counsel informed the commission that progress on the adjudication has been slow and that the committee is still working on policies and procedures for the adjudication.

d) **Geothermal Update** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported on a conference call he was part of regarding the geothermal project. Mr. Heimgartner noted that the final report of the project was to be completed after seismic readings were taking to allow for the mapping of fault lines on Mt. Baker.

e) **Strategic Plan Update** – The commission reviewed and accepted the final changes to the draft strategic plan and gave approval for it to be sent in for formatting into the potential final draft to be presented to the commission for final approval.

8. **New Business**

a) Joseph Shay, Clerk to the Board/Records presented an action item to the commission to change the date of the first regular commission meeting in November from November 11, 2025 to November 10, 2025 starting at the usual time of 8:15 AM. Commissioner Arnett made a motion to accept the change of the date of the first commission meeting in November, Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Stephanie Hooper, Accountant for the PUD, presented Resolution No. 881 Ordering the Cancellation of Warrants More Than a Year Old in Accordance with RCW 36.22.100 to the commission. Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 881. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Arnett: Nothing to report

Commissioner Deshmane: Reported on his attendance to the Telecom and PPC Conferences and noted that transmission was a major point of discussion at PPC.

Commissioner Ury: Reported on his attendance at the Whatcom Planning meeting.

10. **Public Comment**

Todd Lagestee commented on county budget concerns regarding the adjudication.

11. **Executive Session**

Commissioner Deshmane made the following announcements: Executive session was convened at 9:28 AM to discuss the following subjects:

- **Pending or Potential Litigation:**  
Executive session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- **Collective Bargaining:**  
Executive session for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the District during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
- **Property Acquisition:**  
Executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

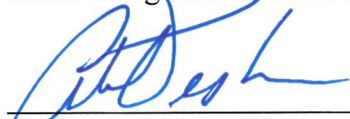
The executive session was expected to last 1 hour and conclude at 10:30 AM. The executive session was extended at 10:30 AM for 15 minutes and was expected to conclude at 10:45 AM. The executive session was extended at 10:45 AM for 5 minutes and was expected to conclude at 10:50 AM. Commissioner Deshmane announced that the executive session had concluded at 10:50 AM at which point he resumed the regular meeting.

**8. New Business (Continued)**

c) Following the executive session, the commissioners considered Resolution No. 882 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute All Agreements Necessary to Enter into a Power Sales Agreement with Bonneville Power Administration. Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 882. Commissioner Deshmane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Adjourn**

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner



Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

**Commission Clerk Note:**

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