

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
October 28, 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
Jon Sitkin	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 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**

Dave Olson	Citizen
Tyler McDevitt	Phillips 66
Robin Dexter	Citizen
Todd Lagestee	Citizen

**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 October 14, 2025, and Approval of the Claims of October 28, 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 28, 2025:**

ALUMICHEM CANADA INC (formerly WATERHOUSE ENV.)	34,834.80
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	119.73
BERGEN & CO	114.18
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION	852,904.00
CARL'S MOWER & SAW, INC	120.50
CARLSON STEEL WORKS, INC	436.00
CDW/COMPUTER DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE	19,580.27
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	17,269.00
COMCAST	322.09
ESCAPE VELOCITY HOLDING INC DBA TRACE3	8,415.39

FASTENAL	50.34
FEDERAL EXPRESS	5.97
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	32.63
FOSTER GARVEY PC	16,672.50
HARDWARE SALES, INC .	235.65
HDR ENGINEERING, INC.	12,110.64
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	24,661.45
LAPLAUNT, DAVID	373.34
LOOP (BOX CLEAVER INC)	7,550.00
LYNDEN TRIBUNE	98.00
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	12,010.00
MAUL FOSTER & ALONGI	2,217.50
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	1,102.33
NORTHWEST CASCADE, INC.	165.50
NORTHWEST FIBER DBA ZIPLY FIBER	881.16
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	1,871.36
PACIFIC SURVEY & ENGINEERING	18,155.00
PARAMOUNT SUPPLY COMPANY	633.13
PAYLOCITY	426.86
PAYROLL	281,356.80
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	500.00
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	314.27
PORTAL WAY FARM & GARDEN	15.98
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	1,153.51
ROGERS MACHINERY COMPANY INC	171.65
SHAY, JOSEPH	259.70
SMITH MECHANICAL	6,589.60
STORMWIND LLC	4,500.00
WA FEDERAL VISA CARD MEMBER SERVICES	19,170.09
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE - EXCISE TAX	104,831.87
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE - LEASEHOLD TAX	707.10
WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE DEPT	44,332.00
WHISTLE WORKWEAR	539.58
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,497,811.47</b>

4. **Public Comment** – Todd Lagestee commented on the draft strategic plan noting some changes and additions he would like to see made. Mr. Lagestee also reported to the commission on his attendance at the afternoon meeting of the Whatcom County Council and noted a report from the planning commission and how the PUD was referenced in the county’s comprehensive plan.
5. **General Manager’s Report** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported an upcoming meeting hosted by WPUA to be on November 12<sup>th</sup> and that the purpose of the meeting is a legislative update regarding pressing issues facing PUDs in the state. Mr. Heimgartner also reported on his attendance at the recent PPC meeting and the presentations and discussion held at that meeting regarding residential exchange.
6. **Operations Report** – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager informed the commission that the Plant 2 waste basin washdowns will begin today and that the river conditions are looking good with elevated flow and good temperature of the water.
7. **Old Business**
  - a) **Broadband Update** – Andrew Entrikin, Director – Broadband and New Power Supply, informed the commission that the Point Roberts work change has been submitted to the State Broadband Office.
  - b) **Adjudication Update** – Jon Sitkin, General Counsel informed the commission that the Department of Ecology has started water use curtailment in Yakima based on the adjudication ruling there. Mr. Sitkin also noted that it is looking like there will be two claim deadlines due to the rollout process put forth by the Department of Ecology.

**d) Geothermal Update** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the commission that a Whatcom PUD/Nooksack Tribe joint meeting is being planned with an MOA to be signed at that meeting for the geothermal project.

**e) Strategic Plan Update** – The commission reviewed the nearly final draft strategic plan and made change suggestions. Approval of the final draft is expected at the November 10, 2025 commission meeting.

**8. New Business**

a) Annette Smith, Finance Director gave a detailed presentation on the draft budget.

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

Commissioner Arnett: Nothing to report

Commissioner Deshmane: Reported on his attendance at the Telecom Workshop and the major topics of discussion at that workshop.

Discussion regarding the start time of the November 10, 2025 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Deshmane made a motion to have the official start time for the November 10, 2025 Commission Meeting be at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Notice of the date and time change of the meeting will be sent to the public.

Commissioner Ury: Reported on his attendance at the Energy Northwest Conference.

**10. Public Comment**

Robin Dexter commented that he would like to see a bigger reserve fund in the PUD's budget.

Todd Lagestee commented on the draft budget presentation and requested that the debt accrual on the bonds be show in the presentation.

**11. Executive Session**

None.

**12. Adjourn**

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner



Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

**Commission Clerk Note:**

Video recordings of the Whatcom PUD Commission Meetings are available online at the following link on the PUD's Website: <https://www.pudwhatcom.org/the-commission/agenda-packets-meeting-minutes-recordings/>