

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams**

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**Present:**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Dave Quinn, President  
Duane Dalglish, Vice President  
Bruce Pollock, Secretary

**STAFF**

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager  
Chris Velat, Director of Power Management  
Dever Haffner-Ratliffe, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator  
Gary Huhta, General Manager  
Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance  
Jen Langdon, Energy Efficiency Manager  
Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board  
Richard Hughes, General Counsel  
Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs  
Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology  
Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

**PUBLIC**

Dawn Kourtney  
Steve Ferrell

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to published Notice, Commissioner Quinn called the Regular Board meeting of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO BOARD AGENDA**

Commissioner Quinn noted an addition to the agenda of Staff Recommendation No. 12/6/10 for the Cold Climate Heat Pump Program Contract Award.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the June 10, 2025 Board Agenda as amended.

The motion carried 3 to 0

**4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the May 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS**

There was no public comment.

**6. MOTION TO RATIFY/APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL**

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$4,609,223.28. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between May 29, 2025 and June 5, 2025, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the ratification of the vouchers/payroll.

Heather Sorensen, in her role as Auditor for the District, reported the majority of expenses were for customary items such as power supply, taxes, and benefits. Other notable items included gutter repairs, a tractor purchase, and expenses related to the acquisition of Lakeview Green Energy's share of the Harvest Wind Project.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**Safety Trailer Demonstration:** General Manager Gary Huhta reported one of our line crews recently conducted a safety trailer demonstration at Robert Gray Elementary School. Alice Dietz noted there were 80 second grade students in attendance who had the opportunity to observe a power outage and power restoration to a nearby home. Ms. Dietz read a small sample of thank you letters we received from the students. She also thanked our Human Resources Generalist Teedara Wolf and our line crew for holding this event.

**Property Purchase Update:** The purchase of the property at Columbia Boulevard near our Operations Center is now complete following an appraisal and clean environmental review.

**BPA Updates:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is concluding the Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM) rate case under section 7(i) which is running parallel to the BP-26 rate case. PNGC has expressed dissatisfaction with BPA's PRDM, and a letter signed by members of the Northwest Congressional Delegation resulted and was directed to Department of Energy Secretary Chris Wright highlighting PNGC's concerns. BPA has now scheduled an all-party settlement conference for tomorrow to address PNGC's concerns.

BPA made the decision in May to go with the Markets+ option for its participation in a day ahead market, though some stakeholders had suggested they delay their decision to allow time for CAISO to pass their Regionalization Bill. The Bill recently passed the California Senate, however many are not satisfied with the Bill as it continues with a California-centric approach. There remains much to be done in this process.

**PPC FUEL Meeting:** The PPC FUEL meeting will be held this Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1.** Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 12/6/10 – Cold Climate Heat Pump Program Contract Award

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 12/6/10.

Energy Efficiency Manager Jen Langdon explained the District utilizes a variety of funding sources for installation of cold climate heat pumps for District customers with qualifying household incomes of 80% of the Area Median Income and below. For this program, the District solicited bids through the advertised bid process and received two bids. Staff reviewed the bids and found the low bidder, Denali Heating and Air Conditioning LLC, to be both responsible and responsive and therefore recommends the contract be awarded to Denali Heating and Air Conditioning LLC to install cold climate heat pumps. The contractor will be paid, based on units installed, by Business and Operations tax dollars, BPA Energy Efficiency Improvement dollars, and a potential Washington State Department of Commerce grant.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

**9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Commissioner Dalglish reported he recently presented the KLOG scholarship award to a local student. The scholarship was part of a District advertising package. Upcoming events include the PPC FUEL meeting on Thursday and a Kelso/Longview Chamber meeting tonight.

Commissioner Pollock will attend the PPC FUEL meeting on Thursday, and will visit Ferry County PUD and Pend Oreille PUD next week on behalf of WPUA.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed.

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest:

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President

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