

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams

Present:

COMMISSIONERS

Dave Quinn, President

Duane Dalgleish, Vice President

Bruce Pollock, Secretary

STAFF

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager

Casey Kalal, Director of Operations

Chris Velat, Director of Power Management

Doug Thomas, Manager of Transmission & Distribution

Gary Huhta, General Manager

Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance

Jen Langdon, Energy Efficiency Manager

Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering

Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology

Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

Richard Hughes, General Counsel

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None

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

General Manager Gary Huhta proposed removing Item 8.1, Staff Recommendation No. 15/7/22 from the agenda as additional information is needed before proceeding with the Franchise Agreement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the July 22, 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 July 8, 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 \$18,307,660.90. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between July 10, 2025 and July 17, 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 power supply, payroll, outside professional services, and a large conservation payment.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

BPA Updates: General Manager Gary Huhta reported BPA previously published their final Record of Decision to go with Markets+ for day ahead marketing. A lawsuit has now been filed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals by a small coalition of environmental and consumer advocacy groups challenging BPA's decision. BPA must now respond to the lawsuit and the Court will make a decision.

BPA has embarked on a process for how they treat new transmission service requests in their queue. BPA administrator John Hairston has requested a modification in procedure so that service can be achieved within 5-6 years.

Board Workshop: A COSA Board workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

8. STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1. District staff provided highlights and answered Commissioner questions regarding the June 2025 Operational Reports which were included in the Board meeting materials.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioner Pollock will attend Energy Northwest meetings this week.

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 2:18 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

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President

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Vice President

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