

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams

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

Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering

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

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Mike Kayser

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

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the March 10, 2026 Board Agenda.

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 February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

Customer Mike Kayser provided cupcakes in commemoration of the District's 90th Anniversary.

6. MOTION TO RATIFY/APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$5,922,848.34. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between February 26, 2026 and March 5, 2026, 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 disbursements and payroll included in this report have been reviewed and approved in accordance with RCW 42.24.180. Invoices have been authorized by management, verified against supporting documentation, and pre-audited by designated staff for accuracy, proper coding, and compliance with the District's policies. Staff requests the Board approve the ratification of the vouchers and payroll as presented.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

BPA Updates: General Manager Gary Huhta reported that BPA will conduct an abbreviated rate case in response to the court injunction regarding the Columbia River system operations. BPA may seek to recover \$100 million from its customers annually.

BPA is expected to release a Record of Decision regarding their intent to continue with Markets+.

A celebration was held last week for departing BPA Administrator John Hairston.

Water Supply Update: The Dalles January through July runoff is currently at 98% of normal. Regional snowpack conditions remain similar to what we have seen this period. Conditions for the Snake River are good, though the Cascades from Canada to California are dismal. Swift No. 2 and the Lewis River basin are at 42% of normal. Weather forecasters suggest we may see favorable conditions for some snowpack in the next couple of weeks.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1. Motion to Approve Amendment to Resolution No. 2832 – Ten-Year Conservation Potential and Biennial Conservation Target

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Amendment to Resolution No. 2832.

Jen Langdon explained Resolution No. 2832 was previously approved by the Board on December 9, 2025 authorizing the adoption of a ten-year conservation resource potential and biennial conservation target. After approval, it was discovered that the biennial target of 30,193 MWh stated in the resolution was incorrect. This amendment reflects the correct value of 27,156 MWh. Staff recommends the Board approve the amended Resolution No. 2832 with a revised biennial target of 3.1 aMW (27,156 MWh) for 2026-2027.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

8.2. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2836 – Adopting Rate Schedule 62 and Schedule 50 Delivery Charge Rates

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Resolution No. 2836.

Trent Martin explained District staff presented results of the District’s annual analysis of its two major industrial rate classes, Schedules 62 and 50, to the Board at its February 24, 2026 meeting. Based on an analysis of applicable costs, it was determined the Schedule 62 Demand Charge should be increased to recover increasing operating expenses and net costs associated with statewide clean energy requirements. It was also determined that the Schedule 50 Delivery Charge should be increased to recover applicable costs including, but not limited to, power management, indirect transmission costs, customer service, energy efficiency, and administrative and general. Both rate adjustments will be established and effective as of January 1, 2026.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 2:17 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest:

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President

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