

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Nuxoll adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. to evaluate the performance of the General Manager per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). Commissioner Nuxoll stated that the Board would be in Executive Session for 15 minutes. Commissioner Nuxoll called the regular meeting back to order at 6:10 p.m. He stated that no decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 23-506 – Setting the General Manager’s Salary

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to adopt Resolution 23-506 setting the General Manager’s salary effective January 1, 2023. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 23-507 – Acceptance of Bennett Hill Subdivision Water and Sewer Lines

The manager presented Resolution 23-507 and a Bill of Sale and Letter of Transmittal with Dimke Properties, LLC, providing for the acceptance of the water and sewer lines and all appurtenances constructed for the planned development known as the Bennett Hill Subdivision located on Dustin Loop. The Resolution and Bill of Sale and Letter of Transmittal provides for the official transfer of the newly constructed sewer line and appurtenances to PUD ownership. Upon approval of the Resolution, a one-year warranty on workmanship will be effective January 25, 2023. If any deficiencies are found during this period, the developer will be responsible for correction of those deficiencies.

The Developer Agreement, entered into on June 9, 2022, required improvements in the form of extending and looping the water line from the subdivision to Allen Drive. This is the PUDs obligation and following acceptance of the improvements, Dimke Properties, LLC will be a paid a portion of the costs of the improvements per the Agreement.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to adopt Resolution 23-507 accepting the water and sewer lines and all appurtenances constructed for the Bennett Hill Subdivision. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations Activity – The operations crew successfully tested the repairs made to the pump line at Well No. 6 and the well is operational.

Capital Improvement Activity – The Well No. 1 generator is scheduled for delivery February 2, 2023. The submittals for the Rivers Bend packaged Booster Pump Station were accepted. The depth of the vault was deeper than originally specified due to availability but operations stated it will be acceptable.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association meetings Wednesday through Friday, January 11-13. He reported that the Water Committee discussed the Foster Task Force, cost-of-service analyses and funding from Ecology for critical projects. The allowance of the diversion Public Works Trust Fund monies will sunset this year and WPUA and other agencies will be working diligently to ensure that it does. He reported that at the Board meeting, the Executive Director discussed the need to update WPUA by-laws and reported a successful legislative reception. Current legislation was discussed along with the preservation of the Lower Snake River Dams and their energy output.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended Public Power Council (PPC) meeting, Thursday, January 12. She reported that the Executive Director encouraged members to engage with PPC by participating on committees. Topics of the meeting included concerns regarding the projects on the Willamette Valley System that are costly with minimal power generation, the Post-2028 Bonneville Power Administration rate case, the Western Adequacy Program and California Independent System Operators market initiatives. She reported that the PPC Executive Director recently emailed members regarding the PPC Executive Committee meeting and how they are working to ensure success during BPA Post-2028 critical phase. He also discussed the Executive Sponsor Group, a Post-2028 subgroup of the Executive Committee, which is a deliberative body, but will ultimately bring any recommendations back to the Executive Committee and broader public power community to ensure that consensus among public power community will be sought wherever possible and differences clearly identified where they exist.

Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending an Energy Northwest Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, January 25.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending a PPC meeting on Thursday, February 2 in Portland, Oregon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public asked a question regarding the assumption of City of Clarkston sewer system past due accounts when the PUD begins contract operation of the City's sewer system. Commissioner Nuxoll stated that the city will retain delinquent balances obtained prior to PUD contract operation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.