

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

### **Regular Meeting**

**January 21, 2025**

The Regular Meeting was convened by President Sidney Logan at 9:00 a.m. Those attending were Tanya Olson, Vice-President; Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Secretary; CEO/General Manager John Haarlow; Chief Legal Officer Colin Willenbrock; other District staff; members of the public; Clerk of the Board Allison Morrison; and Deputy Clerks of the Board Jenny Rich and Morgan Stoltzner.

#### **\* Items Taken Out of Order**

#### **\*\*Non-Agenda Items**

### **1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The following public provided comments:

- Gayla Shoemake, Edmonds, WA
- David Barber, Lynnwood, WA

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2025
- B. Bid Awards, Professional Services Contracts and Amendments

Public Works Contract Award Recommendations:

Request for Proposal No. 24-1523-SC with Davey Tree Surgery Company

Formal Bid Award Recommendations \$120,000 and Over:

None

Professional Services Contract Award Recommendations \$200,000 and Over:

None

Miscellaneous Contract Award Recommendations \$200,000 and Over:

Miscellaneous Contract No. CW2257525 with GeoSpatial Innovations, Inc.

Interlocal Agreements and Cooperative Purchase Recommendations:

Contracts:

None

Amendments:

None

Sole Source Purchase Recommendations:

None

Emergency Declarations, Purchases and Public Works Contracts:

None

Purchases Involving Special Facilities or Market Condition Recommendations:

None

Formal Bid and Contract Amendments:

None

Contract Acceptance Recommendations:

None

- C. Consideration of Certification/Ratification and Approval of District Checks and Vouchers

A motion unanimously passed approving Agenda Items 2A – Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2025; 2B – Bid Awards, Professional Services Contracts and Amendments; and 2C – Consideration of Certification/Ratification and Approval of District Checks and Vouchers.

### **3. UPDATES**

1. Legislative. State Government & External Affairs Specialist Ryan Collins provided a presentation on the key legislation report.
2. Other. Chief Energy Resources Officer Jason Zyskowski provided the Board with a recap on the recent cold weather event.

### **4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. 2025 Water Utility General Retail Rates

President Logan opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Board or the public, the public hearing was continued.

A motion unanimously passed continuing the public hearing on the 2025 Water Utility General Retail Rates to Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 2320 California Street in Everett, WA.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION**

- A. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the District's Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Rate Schedules to Implement a 4.6% System-Average Rate Increase

President Logan reconvened the public hearing.

Commissioner Olson provided comment on the resolution. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

A motion passed approving Resolution No. 6205 amending the District's Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Rate Schedules to implement a 4.6% system-average rate increase. Commissioner Altamirano-Crosby abstained.

- B. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the District's Water Retail Rates and Charges to Pass Through City of Everett Purchased Water Cost Increase

President Logan reconvened the public hearing.

There being no questions from the Board or the public, the public hearing was closed.

A motion unanimously passed approving Resolution No. 6206 amending the District's water retail rates and charges to pass through City of Everett purchased water cost increase.

## **6. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Commission Reports

The Board reported on Commission related topics and Board related events.

- B. Commissioner Event Calendar

Commissioner Altamirano-Crosby requested to attend the Sierra Club Microgrid Tour on January 23, 2025, in Arlington. The Board approved the request.

## **7. GOVERNANCE PLANNING**

- A. Governance Planning Calendar

There were no changes to the Governance Planning Calendar.

## **8. CEO/GENERAL MANAGER BRIEFING AND STUDY SESSION**

- A. Artificial Intelligence

Senior Manager, Data & Analytics Chris Britsch presented to the Board the AI Maturity Framework, AI Road Map and AI Maturity Curve.

The next steps would be to onboard a data scientist and senior program manager in January and February 2025 and conduct a Microsoft AI adoption and security assessment in March 2025.

**B. 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Phase 1 Review Scoping**

Senior Manager Power Supply Garrison Marr and Utility Analyst Kris Scudder provided an informational briefing on the review of what an IRP is, what the public engagement process will be and the projected times for the proposed scoping.

The next step would be to return to the Board with an updated briefing in the first quarter of 2025.

**C. Organized Markets Update**

Power Analyst Adam Cornelius provided a presentation on the Organized Market Updates. Information included a refresher on Regional Organized Market efforts and PUD's engagement, an update on Day-Ahead Market development and a Timeline and Outlook on regional efforts.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

The next steps would be for staff to continue engagement in the processes to ensure the best outcomes for the District, while keeping the Board informed of any significant developments.

Due to time constraints, the remainder of the Briefing Session and CEO/General Manager Report was moved to the afternoon session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m. into Executive Session for discussion of the performance of a public employee, under the terms set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act. It was anticipated the Executive Session would last approximately 60 minutes, until 1:00 p.m., with no public announcements. Those in attendance were Commissioners Sidney Logan, Tanya Olson, and Julieta Altamirano-Crosby. At 1:01 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 10 minutes. The Regular Meeting recessed immediately upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 1:11 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting was reconvened by President Sidney Logan at 1:30 p.m. Those attending were Tanya Olson, Vice-President; Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Secretary; CEO/General Manager John Haarlow; Chief Legal Officer Colin Willenbrock; other District staff; members of the public; Clerk of the Board Allison Morrison; and Deputy Clerks of the Board Jenny Rich and Morgan Stoltzner.

**\* Items Taken Out of Order****\*\*Non-Agenda Items**

Changes to the agenda were made as follows: Add a continuation of the CEO/General Manager Briefing and Study Session item 8D and CEO/General Manager Report item 9 before New Commissioner Orientation item 10.

**\*\*X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The following public provided comments:

- Kevin Duncan, WA

**\*8. CEO/GENERAL MANAGER BRIEFING AND STUDY SESSION - Continued****D. Transmission and Resource Remarketing**

Senior Supply Manager Garrison Marr and Short-Term Transmission Scheduler/Trader Kim Haugen presented to the Board the background context and goals of a remarketing effort for transmission and energy resources.

The next steps would be to return to the Board after the review and conclusion of the resource offerings and present the best values and recommendations for PUD customers.

**9. CEO/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

CEO/General Manager John Haarlow reported on District related topics and accomplishments.

**10. NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION**

Chief Legal Officer Colin Willenbrock facilitated the following departments presenting to the Commissioners:

- A. Customer Service/Energy Services
- B. Communications
- C. Generation
- D. Operations
- E. Water
- F. Finance

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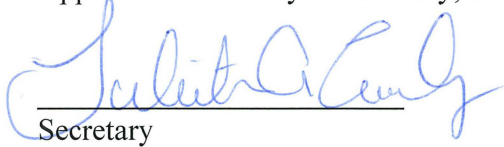
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This item has been moved to a future Commission meeting due to time restraints.

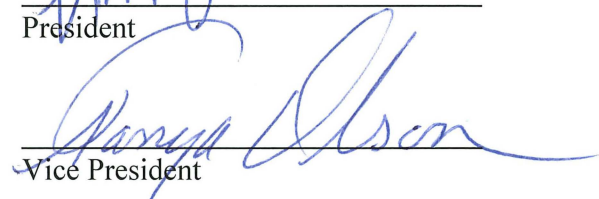
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025, adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

  
Secretary

  
President

  
Vice President