

**Tri-Commission Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
Zoom Virtual Conference
March 30th, 2021 1:00 pm**

Present:

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| Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority JC Baldwin, Commissioner Rory Turner, Commissioner Jim Huffman, Commissioner Mark Spurgeon, Commissioner Donn Etherington, Commissioner Jim Kuntz, CEO Cami Harris, Executive Assistant | Chelan County PUD Randy Smith, Commissioner Garry Arseneault, Commissioner Dennis Bolz, Commissioner Ann Congdon, Commissioner Steve McKenna, Commissioner Steve Wright, General Manager Chad Rissman, Director of Info/Asset Mgt. Justin Erickson, Managing Director Dist. Svcs. Shaun Seaman, Ex. Affairs Program Mgr. Rachel Hansen, Sr. Communications Strategist Chad Bowman, Director of Transmissions Ron Slabaugh, Water/Wastewater Mgr. Andy Wendell, Director of Customer Svc. Teka Sellars, Spokesperson Rebekah Garfein, Clerk of the Board |
| Chelan County Kevin Overbay, Commissioner Bob Bugert, Commissioner Tiffany Gehring, Commissioner Blake Baldwin, Economic Dev. Director Mike Kaputa, Dir. Of Natural Resources Carlye Baity, Clerk of the Board | |
| Mayors Bob Goedde, City of Chelan Frank Kuntz, City of Wenatchee Jim Fletcher, City of Cashmere Carl Florea, City of Leavenworth | |
| Others Wade Farris, City of Chelan Laura Merrill, City of Wenatchee Steve Keene, Peshastin Com. Council Kelli Scott, Congresswoman Schrier Staff Sasha Sieman, Wenatchee Valley Chamber | Jerrilea Crawford, Mayor City of E. Wenatchee Linda Haglund, Wenatchee Downtown Assoc. Jefferson Robbins, NCWLife Shiloh Burgess, Wenatchee Valley Chamber |

The Tri Commission Meeting and respective Special Commission Meetings were called to order and/or reconvened at 1:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and roll call was taken. Justin Erickson, Chelan County PUD, facilitated the meeting.

TRI-COMMISSION UPDATES:

- **Chelan County Commission**
 - Update on Chelan County water bank.
 - Reviewed new Chelan County water code which becomes effective on April 1.
- **Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority**
 - Reviewed COVID-19 small business grants administered by the Regional Port in 2020.
 - Reviewed Douglas County PUD power delivery rate proposal and the impacts on economic development in Douglas County.
 - Update on current business leads for Chelan and Douglas Counties.
- **Chelan County PUD**
 - Update on pre-emptive power shut-off plan during wildfires.
 - Reviewed long-term PUD marketing strategy.
 - Update on a 2nd water source in Chelan County.

2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

- Reviewed proposed bills concerning forest health/wildfire management and broadband and telecom.
- Update on Dryden wastewater Capital Budget request.
- Reviewed the American Rescue Plan and potential projects for funding in Chelan County.

CHELAN COUNTY MAYORS UPDATE:

- **City of Wenatchee – Mayor Kuntz**
 - Reported on the recent INFRA Grant submittal for Confluence Parkway.
 - 1/10 sales tax increase recently approved.
- **City of Chelan – Mayor Goedde**
 - Update on COVID-19 impacts on the City of Chelan tourism.
- **City of Cashmere – Mayor Fletcher**
 - Reported affordable housing continues to be an issue.
- **City of Leavenworth – Mayor Florea**
 - Update on COVID-19 impacts on City of Leavenworth tourism; the downtown “Pedestrian Mall” remains open and closed to cars/parking.

OTHER:

Blake Baldwin provided an update on Chelan County .09 sales tax and impacts for economic development in the County.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Several Commissioners offered comments.

The Tri Commission Meeting and respective Special Commission Meetings were closed at 2:58 pm.

Signed and dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

CHELAN DOUGLAS REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY



JC Baldwin, Director



Jim Huffman, Director



Rory Turner, Director



Mark Spurgeon, Director



Donn Etherington, Director

Not in Attendance
W. Alan Loeb sack, Director