

# Tri-Commission Meeting Special Meeting Minutes Zoom Virtual Conference November 24th, 2020 1:00 pm

Chelan County PUD

Randy Smith, Commissioner

Dennis Bolz, Commissioner

Ann Congdon, Commissioner

Garry Arsenault, Commissioner

Steve Wright, General Manager

Justin Erickson, Managing Director Dist. Svcs.

Bob Shane, Managing Director of Fiber Shaun Seaman, Ex. Affairs Program Mgr. Rebekah Garfein, Clerk of the Board

#### Present: 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**

Kevin Overbay, Commissioner
Doug England, Commissioner
Bob Bugert, Commissioner
Blake Baldwin, Economic Dev. Director
Mike Kaputa, Director of Natural Resources

#### **Elected Officials**

Brad Hawkins, State Senator Mike Steele, State Representative Keith Goehner, State Representative

#### Mayors

Bob Goedde, City of Chelan Frank Kuntz, City of Wenatchee Jim Fletcher, City of Cashmere Jerrilea Crawford, City of East Wenatchee

#### Others

Tiffany Gehring, Chelan County Commissioner Elect Laura Merrill, City of Wenatchee

The Tri Commission Meeting and respective Special Commission Meetings were called to order and/or reconvened at 1:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and roll call was taken. Justin Erickson, Chelan County PUD, facilitated the meeting.

# Senator Brad Hawkins, Representative Keith Goehner, and Representative Mike Steele each provided information, updates, and perspectives including:

2021 Legislative Session Focus

An opportunity for questions and comments was provided.

#### **2020 TRI-COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:**

- Public Works Trust Fund
- Fiber Buildout and Funding

#### **TRI-COMMISSION UPDATES:**

- Chelan County Commission
  - o Update on Climate Resiliency Strategy
  - o Update on COVID-19 and 2021 Business Plan

## Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority

- Update on the LOJO property purchase in Malaga.
- o Update on the Port's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- o Update on increased air service in light of pandemic.
- o Property Tax Levies.

# Chelan County PUD

- o Fiber acceleration update for Chelan County.
- o Outlook for 2021 including pre-emptive power shut-offs during wildfires.

#### **CHELAN COUNTY MAYORS UPDATE:**

- City of Wenatchee
  - Laura Merrill, for Mayor Kuntz, provided an update on the City of Wenatchee's 2021 budget.

#### City of Chelan

o Mayor Goedde provided an update on COVID-19 impacts on the City of Chelan including the retail and restaurant business downturn.

## City of Cashmere

o Mayor Fletcher reported utility expansion is important for the City of Cashmere.

**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 3:02 pm.

Signed and dated this 8th day of December, 2020.

CHELAN DOUGLAS REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY

JC Baldwin, Director

Rory Turner, Director

Donn Etherington, Director

Jim Huffman, Director

Mark Spurgeon, Director

W. Alan Loebsack, Director