

**PUD Update**

**November 9, 2020**

**2:33 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, Willie Painter, Katie Conradi, Taylor Albright

Guests: Commissioner-elect Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Willie Painter said the state Public Works Board did not approve Lewis County PUD's application for a \$5.5 million broadband grant. Willie said the PUD is applying for a USDA grant. Willie said the PUD will ask the commissioners and others for letters of support.

Willie thanked the commissioners for allocating \$100,000 in CARES Act funding to distribute to PUD customers struggling to pay their bills in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Willie said the PUD has received 226 applications from residential customers needing help and has tentatively approved allocations totaling more than \$94,100.

Willie noted that the PUD had customers in arrears for amounts totaling \$337,000. He said the county's \$100,000 allocation will help tremendously but that further needs exist. He said additional help would be welcome if additional CARES Act funding were to become available.

Meeting ended at 2:46 p.m.