

Update with PUD

June 7, 2022

3:42 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Grose, Commissioner Swope, Becky Butler, Chris Roden, Jacob Henry

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Tammy Martin

South county substation and transmission project: Chris Roden introduced Jacob Henry as PUD's new Business Services Manager. One of the key projects Jacob is transitioning into is the south county substation and transmission project. Chris said the goal is to secure outside funding sources. They have been awarded .09 funds, capital building funding and a federal appropriation totaling almost \$6.9 million. PUD has secured land on the corner of SR 505 and N. Military adjacent to the industrial parks, providing the ability to serve south Lewis County in the future. They will still need to secure approximately \$10-16 million in additional funding to complete the substation based on current partners.

Broadband: Jacob said both grant-funded broadband projects are moving forward for the east end of Lewis County. Chris said PUD does try to make use of current fiber cables to install additional service cable. They are looking to submit for additional grants and would like to solicit letters of support.

Announcements: Chris said there will be improvements made to the Elbe, Randle and Packwood substations.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.