

Update with PUD

September 17, 2018

3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Lewis County PUD Manager Dan Kay, Cullen Gatten (3:51 p.m.)

Guest: Lindsey Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Lewis County PUD Manager Dan Kay invited the commissioners to a meeting planned the following morning regarding Initiative 1631, the Carbon Emissions Fee measure.

Dan said the PUD is revamping its strategic plan and working on long-term capital planning. He said the Public Power Week proclamation is planned for Oct. 1.

Dan said easement concerns persist regarding entities wanting to do pole attachments or to piggyback on the PUD's easements for broadband. He said outside groups cannot piggyback on the PUD's easements. He said CenturyLink and TDS have indicated they don't want to spend a lot on broadband because it's not profitable for them.

Dan said siting utilities underground costs five or 10 times more than going above-ground.

Commissioner Jackson left at 3:42 p.m. Erik Martin left at 3:34 p.m. Commissioner Jackson returned at 3:45 p.m.

Cullen Gatten joined at 3:51 p.m.

Commissioner Stamper joined at 3:54 p.m.

Meeting ended at 3:55 p.m.