

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken. Votes are shown in abbreviated format when unanimous (Ayes-Noes-Abstain).

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members present: Commissioners Brownfield, Burke, Cox, Grossman-Crist, and Johnson; Alternate Commissioner Kasper

Members absent: Commissioners Carpenter-Harris and Corbett; Alternate Commissioners Gogan and Harper.

Staff Present: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer (EO), and Amber Chung, Acting Clerk/Analyst

2. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting

No Commissioner comments or questions.

Motion to approve the consent calendar by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Grossman-Crist, and passed by 5-0-0 voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Comment was provided by a Post Mountain resident regarding concerns associated with the Public Utility District's (PUD) communication and fire service provision. Chair Cox clarified comments regarding Post Mountain PUD be provided during Agenda Item 6.A.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. BUSINESS

A. Extension of Remediation Period for Post Mountain Public Utility District

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and explained the proposed extension of the remediation period steps needed to be taken by the District over the next year to resolve two core issues: lack of road maintenance funding and emergency medical service capacity. Comments were provided by Lisa Wright, owner of Flowra, in support of extending the District's remediation period. She explained that Flowra had identified multiple opportunities to help the District with its regulatory compliance framework through grant funding for essential projects in the area. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, largely pertaining to road construction and the funds needed to finance this work.

Additional public comment was provided by Tommy, a Post Mountain resident, expressing concerns over his perceived lack of professionalism displayed by the fire chief. He also expressed frustration over the District's collaboration with the County, explaining that the District is doing what

they can to acquire licenses and comply with regulations and isn't receiving assistance from the County. Blong Yang, PUD President, provided updates on the work the District has done over the past year including improving compliance with financial auditing, the Brown Act, and governance requirements and conducting community outreach and providing Hmong translation services during emergency medical situations.

Bill Gillespie, retired Fire Chief, provided comments summarizing the results of a site visit he conducted in October; the District is moving in a positive direction and continuing to make changes despite numerous challenges when providing services in a rural area, including lack of funding. He was in support of the District working towards providing emergency medical services to the area. Astrid Dobo, District Fire Chief, explained that the District used to provide medical services in the past but does not currently as they don't have the medical equipment and supplies to respond to these calls. Commissioners asked what medical equipment the District already has and how much it would cost to purchase the remaining necessary equipment. Chief Dobo indicated she would need to check the current inventory in order to provide an accurate price estimate. Commissioners also asked what the training requirements are for first aid certification; it includes being certified in Title 22 Public Safety First Aid, a 21-hour course for personnel and 40-hour course for instructors.

Commissioners deliberated over what would be the best option for the provision of services in the area. Chris Losi, Flowra representative, expressed support for the comments made by Lisa Wright and explained that while funding is one of the greatest obstacles of the District, another challenge is the reluctance by residents to get involved. His opinion was that if the District was dissolved, those that were disinterested in being involved would be even less likely to get involved if the County was managing the service provision in the area instead. Commissioners asked clarifying questions about the allocation of property tax in the area, answered by EO Santsche. Discussion was had over the various avenues for funding support including County and State support.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, extending the remediation period through December 31, 2026, as shown in Attachment A, by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Grossman-Crist, and passed by 5-0-0 roll call vote.

B. Professional Services Contract for Executive Officer Services

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and explained that, if approved, the professional services contract would be extended for two years. Commissioners expressed appreciation for EO Santsche's dedication to the Commission and supported the contract extension.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement, as shown in Attachment A, by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Grossman-Crist, and passed by 5-0-0 roll call vote.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE (Information Only)

A. Status of Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Updates

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and provided updates on the current drafting of the Down River Regional Fire Services MSR/SOI Update. Staff recently met with Garrett Watty, Salyer CSD Board Chair, and received helpful information on the District's fire service provision. No Commissioner comments or questions. EO Santsche also indicated that the CALAFCO Conference held in October went well and that staff would be providing recent updates to the Brown Act at a later meeting. She also noted that two special district member seats would be expiring soon and that staff would be looking into reconvening the Independent Special District Selection Committee.

B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Alternate Commissioner Kasper provided comment that he is still working on the development of a hydrogen fueled steam powered generator to supply power as an alternate power source for Post

Mountain PUD. The model generator he developed did not supply a practical amount of power and he is working on making improvements.

C. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Amber Chung
Amber Chung, Acting Clerk

DATE: February 24, 2026