

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1
OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-031

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, authorizing the General Manager to take all necessary steps to apply for the ReConnect Program, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and execute related grant and loan agreements.

WHEREAS, the PUD has been developing a Broadband fiber optic network to provide retail and wholesale Internet Services to serve the residents of Jefferson County, Washington over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2022-001 that assigned Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the PUD, to be responsible for providing signatures, authorizing certifications, entering and updating applications, submitting applications for consideration, and assigning access to new users in USDA's online application system for the ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program, consistent with ReConnect Program; and

WHEREAS, the PUD is preparing applications for grant and loan funding from the ReConnect Program to build fiber internet connections to unserved residents in the southeast Jefferson County project area - stretching from Chimacum through Port Ludlow and down to the Coyle area; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383, the PUD has been consulting with the Washington State Broadband Office and provided formal notice regarding its intent to provide Broadband Services in Resolution No. 2021-037.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, that the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein, and that the General Manager is authorized to take all necessary steps to apply for the ReConnect grant and loan program through the USDA and execute any related grant and loan agreements.

ADOPTED at a Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 13th day of October, 2022.

Ken Collins, President

ATTEST:

Jeff Randall, Vice President

Dan Toepper, Secretary