

REGULAR MEETING  
OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY

February 8, 2022

The Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, convened at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams Meeting / +1 509-703-5291 Conference ID: 627 899 217# with the following Commissioners present: Judy Wilson, President; Nelson Cox, Vice-President; Tom Flint, Secretary; Terry Pyle, Commissioner and Larry Schaapman, Commissioner.

The Commission convened to review vouchers and correspondence.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: positive customer feedback being received in response to reopening of local offices; inquiry regarding re-opening date of Wanapum Heritage Center; inquiry regarding employee re-entry timeline; report and follow-up questions from Commissioner Schaapman regarding recent Grant County Industrial Alliance meeting; discussion requested with Grant County Commissioners regarding solar and wind projects, specifically understanding the lifecycle of these systems; appreciation to executive staff for ongoing diligence, requested clarity and willingness to field difficult questions raised during the COVID debriefing meetings; aging analysis report; appreciation expressed to Russ Brethower and crews for stabilizing fiber lines affected by winds in the Road 3 area; metering efforts; request from Commissioner Cox that Facilities Master Planning (FMP) Steerco meetings will be held in person; re-entry/onsite staff report; and reminder of QTEP public meetings scheduled to begin this evening.

Kevin Carley, Manager of Control Systems Engineering, provided an Energy Management System (EMS) Upgrade Project Report.

Ron Alexander, Senior Manager Power Delivery Construction & Maintenance, provided the Construction and Maintenance Program Report.

Charles Meyer, Interim Chief Technology Officer, provided the Information Technology report.

The Commission recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 1:00 p.m.

John Schook, Grapevine Texas, addressed the Commission regarding expedition request of new service application related to the Hansen-Rice.com / Okanagan Specialty Fruit Arctic Apple project.

Consent agenda motion was made Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Flint to approve the following consent agenda items:

Payment Number	118257	through	118618	\$14,216,815.22
Payroll Direct Deposit	191165	through	191928	\$2,056,532.71
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20220127A	through	20220202A	\$889,882.81

Meeting minutes of January 25, 2022.

After consideration, the above consent agenda items were approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Resolution No. 8984 relative to modifying Commissioner District Boundaries was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Schaapman to approve Resolution No. 8984. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 8984

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Recitals

1. On January 11, 2022 Grant PUD held a public hearing on redistricting as required by law; and
2. Pursuant to RCW 54.12.010, notice of public hearing was published for two weeks prior to the public hearing date;
3. The Grant PUD Commission has considered and relied upon the population information from the most recent federal decennial census and taken into account the redistricting requirements of RCW 54.12.010 and RCW 29A.76.010; and
4. The Grant PUD Commission is of the opinion that the attached redistricting plan is consistent with the requirements of the aforesaid statutes and in Grant PUD's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Effective immediately, the boundaries of Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3 are hereby adjusted as more particularly shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A and as legally described in Exhibit B by this reference made a part hereof.

Section 2. Grant PUD At-Large boundaries shall remain unchanged and are currently on file in both the Grant PUD and Grant County Election Office records.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

Resolution No. 8985 relative to appointing a General Manager/Chief Executive Officer was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Flint to approve Resolution No. 8985. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 8985

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD WALLEN AS GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF GRANT PUD

Recitals

1. Grant PUD's Commission is of the opinion that Richard Wallen possesses the requisite knowledge, skills, leadership, and personal qualities to serve as Grant PUD's General Manager (GM)/Chief Executive Officer (CEO); and
2. Mr. Wallen is willing to serve as Grant PUD GM/CEO subject to the conditions set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Mr. Wallen is hereby appointed as GM/CEO of Grant PUD effective February 8, 2022.

Section 2. Mr. Wallen as required by statute shall serve in the capacity of GM/CEO at the pleasure of Grant PUD's Board of Commissioners.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Charles Meyer, Interim Chief Technology Officer, completed the Information Technology report.

Andrew Munro, Senior Manager of External Affairs & Communications, and Cliff Sears, Senior Policy Analyst, provided a Federal & Legislative Update report.

John Mertlich, Senior Manager of FP&A, and Jeremy Nolan, Lead Financial Analyst, presented the Current Year Budget to Actual Report.

Louis Szablya, Senior Manager of Large Power Solutions, provided the Rate Schedule No. 17 Annual Update.

Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

An executive session was announced at 4:15 p.m. to last until 5:30 p.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 5:30 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on February 8<sup>th</sup> and reconvened on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams for the purpose of attending a Mid-C GM/Commissioner business meeting and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Judy Wilson, Tom Flint, and Terry Pyle. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on February 9<sup>th</sup> and reconvened on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Ephrata Headquarters Building, 30 C Street SW, Ephrata, Washington for the purpose of holding a workshop and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Judy Wilson, Nelson Cox, Tom Flint, Terry Pyle and Larry Schaapman. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

An executive session was announced at 1:30 p.m. to last until 2:30 p.m. to discuss enforcement of action with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 2:30 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the February 8, 2022 meeting officially adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on February 15, 2022.

ATTEST:



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Tom Flint, Secretary

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Judy Wilson, President

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Nelson Cox, Vice President

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Terry Pyle, Commissioner

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Larry Schaapman, Commissioner