

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

August 9, 2022

The Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, convened at 9:00 a.m. at Grant PUD’s Main Headquarters Building, 30 C Street SW, Ephrata, Washington and via Microsoft Teams Meeting / +1 509-703-5291 Conference ID: 596 502 173# 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: staffing of Customer Service Representatives and coverage of the local Ephrata Office; NPDES Permit issued; anticipated dates of the NERC audit; crowd control efforts and park rules enforcement on project lands during The Gorge concert weekends; concern with phones not being answered in Dispatch on August 6; in conjunction with our WPUDA membership, Commissioner Pyle noted that Grant has a membership with the National Special District’s Coalition which specializes in grant funding and retainment; options available for paper billing and/or electronic billing; pole top rescue event; continued focus on recreational immunity; continued request for improved itemization of new customer service request estimates and final billings; invoice inquiry; development of agenda items for the August 11 Mid-C GM/Commissioner dinner meeting; and EV rates and policies.

Rebecca Simpson, Manager of Dam Safety Engineering, and Logan Castle, Engineer III, provided an overview of Dam Safety Contract 330-11366.

Rich Flanigan, Senior Manager of Wholesale Marketing and Supply, reviewed the 2023-2026 Climate Commitment Act (CCA) cost burden.

John Mertlich, Senior Manager of FP&A, reviewed the 2023 Preliminary Budget Report.

Chris Heimbigner, Senior Manager of Power Delivery Construction and Maintenance, and John Kemman, Engineer III, provided a Construction and Maintenance Program Report.

An executive session was announced at 12:00 p.m. to last until 12:55 p.m. to review performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 12:55 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

Larry Lewis, Quincy, Washington, addressed the Commission regarding fire wise concerns at Sunland Estates. In addition, Mr. Lewis requested the opportunity to work with Grant PUD staff on fire protection planning.

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

Payment Number	123235	through	123590	\$9,301,021.34
Payroll Direct Deposit	200803	through	201565	\$2,142,130.79
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20220728A	through	20220728B	\$939,027.20

Meeting minutes of July 26, 2022.

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

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Charles Meyer, Senior Manager of Enterprise Technology, provided the IT Report.

Ryan Holterhoff, Senior Policy Analyst, provided a Federal & State Legislative Update Report.

Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

The Commission recessed at 3:05 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 3:10 p.m.

The Commission reviewed letters to the Grant County Industrial Alliance and to the Grant County Commissioners and approved those letters for signature and mailing.


An executive session was announced at 3:10 p.m. to last until 4:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to review performance of a public employee present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 3:45 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on August 9 and reconvened on Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Orchard Bar + Bites, 1229 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee for the purpose of attending a Mid-C General Manager/Commission dinner meeting and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Judy Wilson, Nelson Cox, Terry Pyle and Larry Schaapman. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

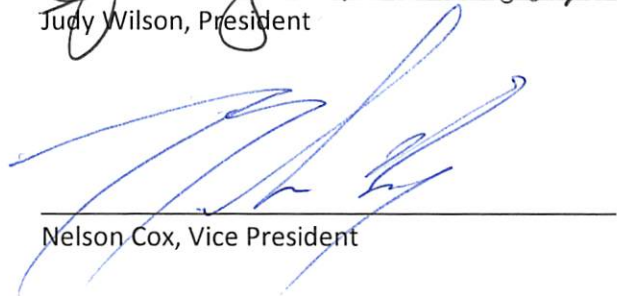
There being no further business to discuss, the August 9, 2022 meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on August 11, 2022.



ATTEST:


Tom Flint, Secretary


Judy Wilson, President


Nelson Cox, Vice President


Terry Pyle, Commissioner


Larry Schaapman, Commissioner