

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

January 10, 2023

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: Nelson Cox, President; Tom Flint, Vice-President; Terry Pyle, Secretary; Larry Schaapman, Commissioner (via Microsoft Teams) and Judy Wilson, Commissioner.

The Commission convened to review vouchers and correspondence.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: ongoing communication update regarding previous inquiry from Grant County Commissioner, Rob Jones, regarding wireless and fiber availability used for irrigation purposes; recent national and regional substation attacks; transformer advance purchases; public outreach occurring with land owners affected by the transmission line build project; update on ham radio request made by Commissioner Flint; reminder of flexible executive team commission meeting attendance; call from customer to Commissioner Wilson regarding delay in new service request that now appears to be in progress; appreciation expressed by Commissioner Pyle to staff for attention given during recent deep dive departmental educational meetings; appreciation noted to Ty Ehrman and Devin Elgin from Commissioner Pyle for going above and beyond in hosting a recent Priest Rapids Dam tour; inquiry from Commissioner Schaapman regarding any direct contacts made from the Grant County Industrial Alliance (GCI); request for follow-up on purchase of vehicles and equipment through the state contract; call from customer regarding frustration with not receiving a call back from customer service; appreciation to crews for keeping electric system in service during recent cold temperatures; and Moss Adams entrance conference scheduled for 11:30 a.m. today.

New employee Kylie Vroman, Lands Specialist, was introduced to the Commission.

Shannon Lowry, Manager of License Compliance and Lands Services, presented the License Compliance and Lands Service Program Report.

Jacob Johnson, Electric Shop Supervisor, presented the Wholesale Fiber Business Report.

Gene Austin, Compliance Program Manager, provided the NERC/WECC R&C Program Report.

Keith Simovic, Moss Adams Partner, and Daniel Roberts, Moss Adams Senior Manager, provided the Moss Adams Entrance Report.

The Commission recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 12:00 p.m.

An executive session was announced at 12:00 p.m. to last until 12:50 p.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session concluded at 12:50 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

Honorable Judge Hill administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioners Nelson Cox and Terry Pyle.

Jonathan Toomim, Moses Lake, expressed concerns with proposed Rate Schedule Nos. 17 and 19.

Ryan Reed, Moses Lake, spoke in opposition to the minimum monthly charge included in the proposed amendment to Rate Schedule No. 17. In addition, Mr. Reed requested any rate increase be delayed from February 1 to April 1, 2023.

Malachi Salcido, Ephrata, President of Salcido Group of Companies, requested the Board consider lowering the minimum charge and additional assessment percentage in proposed Rate Schedule No. 17.

Ben Gagnon, representative of Bitfarms, Moses Lake, spoke in support of bitcoin mining.

Correspondence was noted from Malachi Salcido regarding proposed amendments to Rate Schedule No. 17.

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

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| Payment Number               | 127409    | through | 128257    | \$91,179,019.62 |
| Payroll Direct Deposit       | 208406    | through | 209906    | \$5,246,415.79  |
| Payroll Tax and Garnishments | 20221214A | through | 20221228B | \$2,056,332.08  |

Meeting minutes of December 13, 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.

The Commission recessed at 2:00 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 2:10 p.m.

Paul Dietz, Manager of Enterprise Risk Management, provided the Enterprise Risk Program Report.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 2:45 p.m. on January 10 and reconvened on Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Grant PUD's Main 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: Nelson Cox, Terry Pyle, Judy Wilson, and Larry Schaapman (via Microsoft Teams). A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

The Commission recessed at 10:40 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 10:50 a.m.

An executive session was announced at 10:50 a.m. to last until 11:10 a.m. to discuss lease or purchase of real estate if disclosure would increase price with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The executive session concluded at 11:10 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

An additional executive session was announced at 11:10 a.m. to last until 11:20 a.m. to discuss lease or purchase of real estate if disclosure would increase price with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The executive session concluded at 11:20 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

An additional executive session was announced at 11:20 a.m. to last until 11:45 a.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session concluded at 11:45 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the January 10 meeting officially adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on January 17, 2023.



ATTEST:

  
 Terry Pyle, Secretary

  
 Nelson Cox, President

  
 Tom Flint, Vice President

  
 Larry Schaapman, Commissioner

  
 Judy Wilson, Commissioner