

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

June 13, 2023

The Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, convened at 8:30 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 and Judy Wilson, Commissioner.

An executive session was announced at 8:30 a.m. to last until 9:00 a.m. to review performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 9:00 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

The Commission convened to review vouchers and correspondence.

The Commission recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 9:30 a.m.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: appreciation noted to Safety Day planning committee and all participating/presenting employees; NC Power Systems voucher inquiry; follow-up from Commissioner Flint regarding tree removal policy; customer inquiry regarding waste to energy project option; customer compliment via Commissioner Pyle to Ralph Gonzalez who recently went above and beyond in providing outstanding customer service; WPUA vote for financial support of a Net Metering study to provide better understanding of the drivers and magnitude of cost-shifting caused by distributed generation; Orange and Blue U program update; report from Commissioner Schaapman regarding Sabey expansion; request from Sabey (via Commissioner Schaapman) regarding system impact study, load availability, and confirmation of proposed project timeline; request from Commissioner Schaapman for additional discussion regarding the QTEP project and potential utilization of the existing Jericho line; kick-off of Customer Experience strategy session; continued work on other key pillar strategy sessions; Mid-C General Manager/Commissioner dinner meeting; Rich Wallen, GM/CEO meeting with Brian Gray, IBEW Business Partner; APPA National Conference; report from Commissioner Nelson regarding recent Marion Drain Sturgeon Spawning event; and Commissioner Wilson noted a recent Bloomberg article regarding increased need for cloud space due to growing artificial intelligence technology.

Tom Dresser, Manager of Fish and Wildlife, provided the Fish and Wildlife Report.

Jennifer Sager, Senior Manager of Accounting, presented an overview of the Travel and Non-Travel Meal policies.

David Parkhurst, Manager of IT – ET Telecom Network Services, and Kevin McKee, Telecommunications Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed Nokia Contract.

Brett Lenz, Manager of Cultural Resource, presented the Cultural Resources Program Report.

An executive session was announced at 11:40 a.m. to last until 12:55 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 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 12:55 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

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

Payment Number	132023	through	132681	\$20,254,046.90
Payroll Direct Deposit	217629	through	218431	\$2,409,742.03
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20230531A	through	20230531B	\$1,043,486.48

Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023.

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

Resolution No. 9018 relative to approving a policy was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Schaapman to approve Resolution No. 9018. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9018

A RESOLUTION AMENDING GRANT PUD'S CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

Recitals

1. Grant PUD is authorized by RCW 54.16.040 to regulate and control the use, distribution, rates, service, charges and price of energy; and
2. Grant PUD's Chief Customer Officer and staff are of the opinion that the revised Customer Service Policies are in the best interest of Grant PUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, that the changes to sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A are hereby approved and adopted and shall be effective September 1, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 13th day of June, 2023.

Resolution No. 9019 relative to bond refinancing was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Pyle to approve Resolution No. 9019. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9019

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING ELECTRIC SYSTEM BONDS; AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS

Resolution No. 9020 relative to bond refinancing was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve Resolution No. 9020. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF PRIEST RAPIDS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S PRIEST RAPIDS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND DEFEASING AND/OR REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING PRIEST RAPIDS PROJECT REVENUE BONDS; AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS

Resolution No. 9021 relative to memorializing and honoring Rex Buck, Jr. was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Schaapman to approve Resolution No. 9021. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9021

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF REX "PUCK HYAH TOOT" BUCK, JR.

(1955-2022)

Recitals

1. The Grant PUD and Wanapum of Priest Rapids, for nearly 70 years have lived as one in mutual well-being to honor and uphold the sacred bond of trust entered into between Grant PUD and the Wanapum in 1957. Beginning in 1953 with Johnny Buck, then with Frank Buck, and most recently with Rex Buck, Jr.; the sacred bond between the Wanapum and Grant PUD nourishes a relationship built on integrity, trust, and honor.
2. Rex Buck, Jr., paternal grandson of Johnny Buck, has provided guidance and council throughout his lifetime, contributing to greater understanding and continued appreciation of Wanapum life as Spiritual Leader of the Priest Rapids Longhouse and renowned bell ringer of the Washat religion all across the Pacific Northwest. People of all religious denominations sought his guidance and insight and he never hesitated to assist anyone.
3. Dedicating his entire adult life to protection, preservation, and perpetuation of Wanapum cultural sustenance, Rex served as the Wanapum and Grant PUD Liaison fostering countless relationships across the country at a local, state, and federal level and with neighboring Tribes to carry the light of the Wanapum and solidifying his commitment to taking care of Wanapum children and the unborn through his wisdom, patience, and oral teachings. His ability to connect with all that he crossed paths with will serve his people for many generations. His legacy is marked by his smile, laughter, wisdom, and willingness to share the culture and history of the Wanapum with not only Grant PUD but all that had an open heart and mind to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rex "Puck Hyah Toot" Buck, Jr., having so well served the Grant PUD, will not be forgotten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in his memory the Grant PUD hereby reaffirms its relationship with the Wanapum of Priest Rapids, knowing his spirit will continue to guide, protect, preserve, and perpetuate.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that our sacred bond and relationship remains, as strong as when made, in his memory.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County this 13th day of June, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Flint authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute Change Order No. 7 to Contract 130-08756 with North Sky Communications, LLC, increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$16,300,000.00 for a new contract total of \$87,000,000 and resetting the delegated authority levels to the authority granted to the General Manager/CEO per Resolution No. 8609 for charges incurred as a result of Change Order No. 7. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Pyle authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute Change Order No. 9 to Contract 430-4151 with Jack R Benjamin and Associates increasing the not-to-exceed contract price by \$1,000,000.00 for a new contract total of \$3,000,000.00, extending the contract completion date to June 30, 2025 and resetting the delegated authority levels to the authority granted to the General Manager/CEO per Resolution No. 8609 for charges incurred as a result of Change Order No. 9. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Pyle authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute Contract 430-10427R with Nokia Networks "Nokia of America Corporation" in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,663,606.42. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Annette Lovitt, Public Affairs Officer, and Rosalie Black, Public Affairs Officer, presented the Community Engagement Activity Report.

Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

The Commission recessed at 2:42 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 6:00 p.m.


The Commission attended a Mid-C General Manager/Commissioner dinner meeting at Jacks At The Market, 1004 F Street SW, Quincy, Washington.

There being no further business to discuss, the June 13, 2023 meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:




Terry Pyle, Secretary




Nelson Cox, President



Tom Flint, Vice President



Larry Schapman, Commissioner



Judy Wilson, Commissioner