

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

August 8, 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 Schapman, Commissioner and Judy Wilson, Commissioner.

An executive session was announced at 8:30 a.m. to last until 8:55 a.m. to review performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and to discuss lease or purchase of real estate if disclosure would increase price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The executive session concluded at 8:55 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

The Commission convened to review vouchers and correspondence.

The Commission recessed at 9:16 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 9:30 a.m.

Due to a technical error, neither the video nor audio recording was activated between the time period of 9:30 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: vegetation management concern on recently purchased switchyard property in the Quincy area; Wanapum to Mountain View Transmission Line design and associated easement needs; follow-up regarding status of previous Sabey line request; concern with vegetation management surrounding rural fiber huts; AgPower Users request for hydrogen presentation and request for talking points to include both hydrogen and SMR project exploration; customer inquiry regarding easement/county right of way and process for providing advance notification to property owners when new lines are placed; appreciation noted to crews working on Priest Rapids Right Embankment project; recap from recent Public Power Council (PPC) meeting which included a BPA Strategic Plan Report; Northwest River Partners restructuring and phase-in period for recalculation of membership dues; and recap from Energy NW meeting regarding discussions associated with transmission planning.

John Mertlich, Senior Manager of FP&A, reviewed the 2024 Preliminary Budget Report.

Julie Pyper, Chief Administrative Officer; Thomas Stredwick, Senior Manager of Employee Experience and Organizational Development; and Scott Sundberg, Organizational Development Supervisor, presented results of the 2023 Safety Perception Survey and the recent Employee Engagement Survey.

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 12:55 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.

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

Payment Number	133777	through	134250	\$12,133,513.58
Payroll Direct Deposit	220875	through	221694	\$2,484,189.95
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20230726A	through	20230731A	\$1,095,607.44

Meeting minutes of July 25, 2023.

After consideration, the above consent agenda items were approved 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 470-11968 with Blue Compass RV for the cost of purchase of a 2022 Jayco Precept 36A Class A Motorhome / replacement of vehicle #102 Wanapum Discovery Unit (WANDU) with cost totaling \$149,863.00 plus tax and license fees for a total of \$164,000.53. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Charles Meyer, Senior Manager of Enterprise Technology; Matt Johnson, IT Manager of Platform Operations; Paula Alley, IT Manager of Enterprise Systems; David Parkhurst, IT Manager of Telecom Network Services; Rob Grutko, IT Manager of Software Engineering; and Amanda Anthony, IT Manager of Quality Assurance reviewed the IT Report.

The Commission recessed at 2:30 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 2:40 p.m.

Ron Alexander, Managing Director of Power Delivery, presented training on Power Quality/Distribution and Connectivity 101.

Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

An executive session was announced at 3:45 p.m. to last until 4:45 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 4:35 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 4:35 on Tuesday, August 8 and reconvened on Tuesday, August 10 at the Moses Lake Local Office, 312 W Third Avenue, Moses Lake, Washington for the purpose of providing input on the Irrigation Demand Response and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: 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 Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on August 10th and reconvened on Tuesday, August 15th at 8:30 a.m. at Grant PUD's Main Headquarters Building, Conference Room E, 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.

The Commission recessed at 12:10 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 12:15 p.m.

An executive session was announced at 12:15 p.m. to last until 1:00 p.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), 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) and to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session concluded at 1:00 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the August 8, 2023 meeting officially adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023.



ATTEST:

Terry Pyle
Terry Pyle, Secretary

Nelson Cox
Nelson Cox, President

Tom Flint
Tom Flint, Vice President

Larry Schaapman
Larry Schaapman, Commissioner

Judy Wilson
Judy Wilson, Commissioner