

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

February 26, 2019

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 with the following Commissioners present: Dale Walker, President; Tom Flint, Vice-President (afternoon session only); Larry Schaapman, Secretary; Judy Wilson, Commissioner; and Nelson Cox, Commissioner.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: turbine upgrade project future unit schedule changes, Commission request for Wanapum Maintenance Center facilities tour, Nespelem response, March 4 workshop, and a report from Commissioner Schaapman regarding recent discussions with QCBID.

RJ Fronsman, Safety Coordinator, provided the February 2019 Safety Report.

Chuck Allen, Communications Supervisor, reported on the Customer Safety Outreach Campaign.

The Commission recessed at 10:50 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Bishop, CFO, and Bonnie Overfield, Senior Manager of Finance / Treasurer, provided the Debt and Investment Report.

Chris Heimbigner, Line Superintendent, provided a Vegetation Management Report.

The Commission attended a lunch meeting with Grant County Commissioners.

The afternoon portion of the meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Ealy, Site Manager, Nouryon (formerly AkzoNobel), Moses Lake, made a statement on behalf of Nouryon regarding rate increases and rate setting policy Resolution No. 8768.

Todd Thomas, Quincy, President of Sunland Estates Homeowners Association, expressed concern over permitting denial for the Sunland community park.

Correspondence was noted from Donna Kreiter of Electric City in support of Grant PUD’s position in regard to Rate Schedule No. 17 – Evolving Industry.

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

Payment Numbers	89721	through	90116	\$15,533,668.05
Payroll Direct Deposit	136490	through	137152	\$ 1,632,878.19

Meeting minutes of February 12, 2019.

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

Resolution No. 8913 relative to amending Grant PUD’s Product and Service Schedule 100 was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve Resolution No. 8913. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 8913

A RESOLUTION AMENDING GRANT PUD’S PRODUCT & SERVICE SCHEDULE 100

Recitals

1. Grant PUD is authorized by RCW 54.16.330 to operate and maintain telecommunications for Grant PUD’s own internal telecommunications needs and for the provision of wholesale telecommunications services within Grant PUD; and
2. Grant PUD’s Manager and staff are of the opinion that the revised Rate Schedule 100 attached as Exhibit A is 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 Product & Service Schedule 100 including pricing adjustments to better reflect market conditions, the introduction of a new intermediate-bandwidth Ethernet product and a sunset to the existing SONET service as set forth in the attached Exhibit A are hereby approved and adopted, and the revised Rate Schedule 100 shall be effective April 1, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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. 21 to Contract 230-2583 with Voith Hydro, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$1,299,616.00 for a new contract total of \$97,899,001.00, 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. 21. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Kevin Nordt, General Manager / CEO led a rate discussion. The Commission reviewed a memorandum dated February 24, 2019 regarding the movement of cryptocurrency mining/blockchain technology industry customers into the new Rate Schedule No. 17 on April 1 and confirmed its agreement with pending change. The Commission also expressed an interest in adopting a motion for a zero percent rate change for the 2019 rates for all classes, except Rate Schedule No. 17.

Jeff Bishop, CFO, further reviewed debt and investment activities.

Trade Association / Committee Reports were reviewed.

An executive session was announced at 2:30 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 performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 4:00 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on February 26 and reconvened on Monday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Headquarters Building, Conference Room E, 30 C Street SW, Ephrata, Washington for the purpose of attending a Strategic Planning Workshop and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Larry Schaapman, Dale Walker, Tom Flint, Nelson Cox, and Judy Wilson. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted near the door outside the Commission room.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on March 4 and reconvened on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Masto Conference Center Big Bend Community College, 1800 7611 Bolling St NE, Moses Lake, Washington for the purpose of attending a Grant County Economic Development Council Annual Banquet and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Larry Schaapman, Tom Flint, Nelson Cox, and Judy Wilson. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted near the door outside the Commission room.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on March 7 and reconvened on Thursday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the Port of Moses Lake, 7810 Andrews Street NE Suite 200, Moses Lake, Washington for the purpose of attending a Community Outreach meeting and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Larry Schaapman, Tom Flint, Nelson Cox, and Judy Wilson. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted near the door outside the Commission room.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission recessed at 10:00 a.m. on March 11 and resumed 5:30 p.m. in Wenatchee, Washington for the purpose of attending a Mid-C Manager/Commissioner Dinner meeting and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Larry Schaapman, Tom Flint, Nelson Cox, and Judy Wilson. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted near the door outside the Commission room.

There being no further business to discuss, the February 26 meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on March 11, 2019.



ATTEST:

  
Larry Schaapman, Secretary

  
Judy Wilson, Commissioner

  
Dale Walker, President

  
Tom Flint, Vice President

  
Nelson Cox, Commissioner