

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

October 10, 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: Tom Flint, Vice-President; Terry Pyle, Secretary; Larry Schaapman, Commissioner and Judy Wilson, Commissioner. Nelson Cox attended via Microsoft Teams virtual access.

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 9:09 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 9:30 a.m.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: Commissioner Schaapman requested clarification specific to an approaching deadline noted in Grant PUD Rate Policy Resolution No. 8768; recap from Archeology Days; and Commissioner Cox noted appreciation to staff of Priest Rapids fish hatchery; Power Production Engineering Priest Rapids modernization efforts; recent meeting with Grant County customer offering creative ideas for improving river operations; Energy NW seeking funding from BPA to further explore nuclear development; proposed budget public budget hearing process; insurance renewals; and upcoming bond transaction.

New employees Nancy Mandera, Business Analyst, and Brad Fox, Business Analyst, was introduced to the Commission.

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

Terry McKenzie, Senior Manager of Wholesale Fiber, provided the Wholesale Fiber Business Report.

The Commission recessed at 11:00 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 11:10 a.m.

Rich Flanigan, Senior Manager of Wholesale Marketing and Supply, provided an Overview of the Slice Agreement.

Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

An executive session was announced at 11:45 a.m. to last until 12:55 p.m. to discuss potential 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.

Dan Miller, Royal City, Washington, clarified his statement made during the September 26, 2023 business meeting. Mr. Miller reinforced his support of the stability and goal posts identified in Resolution No. 8768; however, he clarified the rates or percentages included in the resolution do not have his endorsement.

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

Payment Number	135825	through	136301	\$12,547,174.01
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Payroll Direct Deposit	224983	through	225792	\$2,448,973.92
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20231004A	through	20231004B	\$1,035,082.60

Meeting minutes of September 26, 2023.

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

The Commission recessed at 1:15 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Pyle authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute Change Order No. 9 to Contract 430-10632 with CDW Government Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$200,457.08 for a new contract total of \$2,069,269.95, extending the contract completion date to October 31, 2023, 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.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

Commission Vice President Tom Flint opened the public input period for the 2024 Proposed Budget.

The Commission held a Public Budget Hearing to discuss the 2024 proposed budget. Public comment was received.

The Commission recessed at 3:08 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 3:15 p.m.

The Commission opened a rates dialogue discussion with Grant County customers representing both the Grant County Industrial Alliance and AgPower Users Groups.

The Commission recessed at 4:45 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 6:00 p.m.

The Commission held a Public Budget Hearing (via virtual Microsoft Teams) to discuss the 2024 proposed budget. Public comment was received.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on October 10 and reconvened on Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Grant PUD's Moses Lake Local Office Auditorium, 312 W Third Ave, Moses Lake, Washington for the purpose of holding a Public Budget Hearing and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Nelson Cox (via Microsoft Teams), Judy Wilson, Tom Flint, Terry Pyle and Larry Schaapman. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

The Commission held a Public Budget Hearing to discuss the 2024 proposed budget. No public comment was received nor were any members of the public in attendance.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on October 12 and reconvened on Tuesday, October 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 attending a site tour and any other business that may come before the Commission with the following Commissioners present: Nelson Cox (via Microsoft Teams), Judy Wilson, Tom Flint, Terry Pyle and Larry Schaapman. A copy of the notice of adjournment was posted to the Grant PUD website.

An executive session was announced at 9:30 a.m. to last until 10:00 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 9:47 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

The Commission recessed from 9:47 a.m.

The Commission resumed at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission continued discussions of workshop agenda items.

An executive session was announced at 10:05 a.m. to last until 10:35 a.m. to discuss potential litigation 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 10:35 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

An additional executive session was announced at 10:35 a.m. to last until 10:40 a.m. to review performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 10:40 a.m. and the regular session resumed.

The Commission recessed at 10:40 a.m.

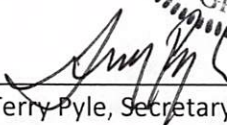
The Commission resumed at 1:00 p.m.

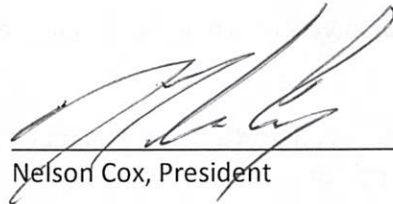
The Commission attended a Power Quality site tour. Commissioners Pyle and Schaapman were absent from the tour.

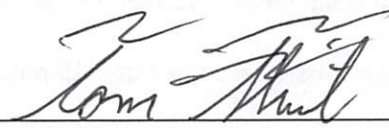
There being no further business to discuss, the October 10, 2023 meeting officially adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 17, 2023.



ATTEST:


Terry Pyle, Secretary


Nelson Cox, President


Tom Flint, Vice President


Larry Schaapman, Commissioner


Judy Wilson, Commissioner