

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

March 22, 2022

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: 627 899 217# with the following Commissioners present: Judy Wilson, President; Nelson Cox, Vice-President; Tom Flint, Secretary; Terry Pyle, Commissioner and Larry Schaapman, Commissioner.

The Commission convened to review vouchers and correspondence.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: notice of Mid-C sponsorship of APPA Resolution 22-12 in Support of Hydropower, the Federal Columbia River Power System, and Opposing Breach of the Lower Snake River Dams; inquiry regarding fiber availability at the Farm Service Agency Building; 2022 annual Irrigation calling campaign; brief report from Dobler Orchard Lease meeting; Big Bend Community College apprenticeship program; inquiry from City of Ephrata regarding storage of Christmas Banner; inquiry regarding use of public assets to assist cities with set up and take down of Christmas decorations; concern with technology available to commissioners; appreciation expressed for having a dedicated CSR assigned to irrigation needs; and inquiry regarding scope of work and invoices associated with McKinstry.

The following new employees were introduced to the Commission: David Baumgardner, Apprentice Trainee for Operations, David Keyser, Apprentice Trainee for Operations; Joshua Johnston, Power Production Mechanic; Austin Schooler, Power Production Mechanic; Caleb Pietrandrea, Power Production Mechanic; Michael King, Power Production Mechanic; Calvin Mizner, Power Production Electrical Engineer; and Nick Guthrie Power Production Electrician.

Craig Bressan, Senior Manager of Safety, reviewed the Safety Report.

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Kevin McCarthy, Senior Manager of Internal Services, and Carol Mayer, Manager of Procurement and Warehouse, presented the Internal Services Report. In addition, Ms. Mayer reviewed the Grant PUD Purchase Authorization Table.

The Commission recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Pat and Gerry Husband, Quincy, Washington, spoke in support of installing a kayak launching platform at the Crescent Bar Recreation area. In addition, she spoke in frustration of call center wait times and lack of response when leaving a message.

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

Payment Number	119350	through	119645	\$24,438,962.60
Payroll Direct Deposit	193372	through	194093	\$1,994,877.02
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20220309A	through	20220309B	\$857,594.47

Meeting minutes of March 8, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 8990 relative to supporting the carbon-free and environmental stewardship benefits of Northwest Hydropower, including the Lower Snake River Dams was presented to the

Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve Resolution No. 8988. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 8990

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CARBON-FREE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BENEFITS OF NORTHWEST HYDROPOWER, INCLUDING THE LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS**

Recitals

WHEREAS, hydroelectric dams represent close to 90 percent of the Northwest's renewable, carbon-free annual electricity production, which has made the Pacific Northwest a national leader in clean, renewable energy production;

WHEREAS, thanks to hydropower, the Northwest boasts the nation's least carbon-intensive electric grid and the lowest cost for clean energy, which powers our region's economy and helps to keep the air we breathe clean with emissions-free electricity;

WHEREAS, hydropower acts as a renewable energy multiplier because dams can store water and release it to generate electricity when needed and, therefore, when hydroelectric resources are present, more solar and wind can be added to the grid.

WHEREAS, federal and locally-owned hydropower dams on the Columbia River system have invested billions of dollars in fish-passage technology to provide for successful passage at hydropower facilities;

WHEREAS, a study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries found ocean warming caused by climate change to represent an extinction-level threat to Chinook salmon populations within the next forty years;

WHEREAS, a peer-reviewed study demonstrated nearly-uniform salmon survival declines over the past 50 years along the West Coast of North America, whether salmon originated in rivers with dams or from free-flowing rivers;

WHEREAS, NOAA Fisheries analysis showed that Chinook from the rivers that flow into the Salish Sea (including Puget Sound) – not the Columbia and Snake Rivers, which drain directly into the Pacific Ocean – are the top priority salmon stocks for Southern Resident Orcas; and biologists have indicated that due to geography and timing, Snake River salmon are not the “key limiting resource or prey” for Southern Resident Orcas;

WHEREAS, many residents in the Pacific Northwest are served by not-for-profit electric utilities, such as co-ops, municipalities, rural electric utilities, and public utility districts (PUDs), and some of these utilities operate locally-owned hydropower facilities and many others purchase hydropower generated by federal dams from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA);

WHEREAS, BPA has identified the federally-owned Lower Snake River Dams as important renewable energy resources that annually produce 1,000 average megawatts of carbon-free power generation for the region and can produce over 2,000 megawatts of capacity during peak winter demand;

WHEREAS, major upgrades to the lower Columbia and Snake river dams have led to a survival rate past each dam of 93 to 99%, depending on the fish species. About 50% of the juvenile salmon that enter the uppermost reservoir in the lower Snake River make the journey past Bonneville Dam, which is a comparable survival rate to that of a free flowing river;

WHEREAS, the state of Washington enacted the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019, which established a goal for 100 percent of all retail energy sales to come from carbon free resources by 2045, and includes hydropower in meeting that goal;

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (Grant PUD) is a member of Northwest River Partners (NWRP), an alliance of farmers, consumer-owned electric utilities and businesses that advocates for the bettering of our communities, our region, and the world through our low-cost, carbon-free hydropower system; and

WHEREAS, Grant PUD encourages the balanced use of Columbia Basin rivers, while working towards solutions that help hydropower and salmon coexist and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (Grant PUD), Washington supports the carbon-free and environmental stewardship benefits of Northwest hydropower and opposes the removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams, which is counter to regional, state and local efforts underway to support carbon-free energy production.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Cox authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute Change Order No. 7 to Contract 430-3217 with MacKay and Sposito, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$3,945,634.13 for a new contract total of \$12,203,271.13 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.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

A copy was provided and discussion was held regarding the Community Activity Policy.

Tim Fleisher, Facilities Manager, provided the Facilities Master Plan Update.

Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Cox authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute Change Order No. 5 to Contract 130-09724 with Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$13,350,943.00 for a new contract total of \$71,513,194.26 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. 5.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Cox to amend the motion and total contract not-to-exceed dollar limits.

After further consideration, motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Flint to table Motion No. 3399. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Flint to remove Motion No. 3399 from the table. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission acted on the motion to amend Motion No. 3399 with the new change order and total contract not-to-exceed dollar limits as read into the record. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

After final consideration, the motion as amended, authorizing the General Manager/CEO, on behalf of Grant PUD, to execute amended Change Order No. 5 to Contract 130-09724 with Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$14,003,913.56 for a new contract total of \$72,228,752.90 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. 5. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Thomas Stredwick, Senior Manager of Leadership & Organizational Development, provided the Organizational Development Report.

The Commission recessed at 3:10 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 3:15 p.m.

Chuck Allen, Senior Manager of External Affairs and Communications, provided the Public Power / Industrial Outreach Activity report.

Daniel Blazquez, Senior Manager of Operational Excellence, provided the OPEX Quarterly Business Report.

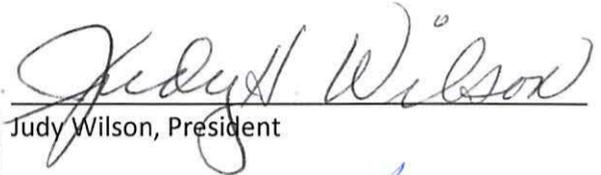
Trade association and committee reports were reviewed.

An executive session was announced at 4:45 p.m. to last until 5:30 p.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 5:30 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

An additional executive session was announced at 5:30 p.m. to last until 5:40 p.m. to review performance of a public employee with legal counsel present pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive session concluded at 5:40 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the March 22, 2022 meeting officially adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



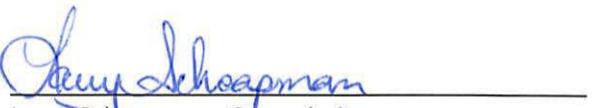
  
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Judy Wilson, President

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Tom Flint, Secretary

  
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Nelson Cox, Vice President

  
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Terry Pyle, Commissioner

  
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