

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

August 27, 2024

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: 614 157 417# with the following Commissioners present: Tom Flint, President; Terry Pyle, Vice-President; Larry Schaapman, Secretary; Judy Wilson, Commissioner and Nelson Cox, 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), to discuss pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) 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.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Depree Standley, Senior Financial Analyst and Julio Aguirre Carmona, Rates and Pricing Manager, gave an update on the Rate Proposal.

Jordan Rang, Safety Coordinator, presented the Safety Report.

Aaron Kuntz, Senior Manager of EPMO, gave the EPMO Report.

Lindsey McDonnell, Senior Customer Strategist; Heidi Juarez, Customer Strategist; Kieth Siebert, Senior Customer Strategist, presented the Customer Strategist Quarterly Report.

Andy Wendell, Senior Manager of Large Power Solutions; Vanessa Villela, Business Development Manager, gave the Large Power Solutions Quarterly Report.

The Commission attended a lunch meeting with Grant County Commissioners.

Murry Van Dyke, Quincy, Washington, spoke about his concern with the Proposed Resolution.

Consent agenda motion was made by Commissioner Schaapman and seconded by Commissioner Cox to approve the following consent agenda items:

Payment Number	146033	through	146424	\$28,246,402.71
Payroll Direct Deposit	243754	through	244602	\$2,609,631.04
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20240821A	through	20240821B	\$1,138,704.35

Meeting minutes of August 13, 2024.

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

Resolution No. 9061 relative to filing of a proposed budget was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve Resolution No. 9061. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9061

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025, SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF SUCH MEETING

Recitals

1. Pursuant to RCW 54.16.080, Grant PUD is required to prepare a proposed budget and file it in its records on or before the first Monday in September;

WHEREAS, the preliminary proposed Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for Grant PUD for the year 2025 is attached hereto as Exhibits A and B; and

WHEREAS, public comment on the proposed budget will be officially open October 8th during the regular scheduled Commission Meeting and the District is planning to schedule public hearings regarding the proposed 2025 budget in the month of October at which any rate payer may appear and be heard for or against the whole or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, that the preliminary 2025 budget is hereby made a part of the District's official records and public comment regarding the proposed 2025 budget shall open October 8th, 2024 during the regular scheduled Commission Meeting and conclude upon adoption of the budget. Notice of scheduled public hearings shall be published at least two consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing in a newspaper printed and of general circulation in Grant County.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 27th day of August 2024.

Resolution No. 9062 relative to approving the 2024 Integrated Resource Plan was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Schaapman and seconded by Commissioner Cox to approve Resolution No. 9062. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9062

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE 2024 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)

Recitals

1. RCW Chapter 19.280.010 was enacted by the Washington State Legislature in 2006 to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet future demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity;
2. The State Legislature has found that it is essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources (conservation) they plan to use to meet their customers' electricity needs in both the short term and the long term;
3. RCW [19.280.030](#) requires that by September 2, 2024, Grant PUD adopt an Integrated Resources Plan which includes:
 - (a) A range of forecasts, for at least the next ten years or longer, of projected customer demand which takes into account econometric data and customer usage;
 - (b) An assessment of commercially available conservation and efficiency resources, as informed, as applicable, by the assessment for conservation potential under RCW [19.285.040](#) for the planning horizon consistent with (a) of this subsection. Such assessment may include, as appropriate, opportunities for development of combined heat and power as an energy and capacity resource, demand response and load management programs, and currently employed and new policies and programs needed to obtain the conservation and efficiency resources;
 - (c) An assessment of commercially available, utility scale

renewable and nonrenewable generating technologies including a comparison of the benefits and risks of purchasing power or building new resources;

(d) A comparative evaluation of renewable and nonrenewable generating resources, including transmission and distribution delivery costs, and conservation and efficiency resources using "lowest reasonable cost" as a criterion;

(e) An assessment of methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including but not limited to battery storage and pumped storage, and addressing overgeneration events, if applicable for the utility's resource portfolio.

(f) An assessment and twenty-year forecast of the availability of regional generation and transmission capacity to provide and deliver electricity to the utility's customers and to meet the requirements of chapter 288, Laws of 2019 and the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction limits in [RCW 70A.45.020](#).

(g) A determination of resource adequacy metrics for the resource plan consistent with the forecasts;

(h) A forecast of distributed energy resources that may be installed by the utility's customers and an assessment of their effect on the utility's load and operations;

(i) An identification of an appropriate resource adequacy requirement and measurement metric consistent with prudent utility practice in implementing [RCW 19.405.030](#) through 19.405.050

(j) The integration of the demand forecasts, resource evaluations, and resource adequacy requirement into a long-range assessment describing the mix of supply side generating resources and conservation and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs, including mitigating overgeneration events and implementing [RCW 19.405.030](#) through 19.405.050, at the lowest reasonable cost and risk to the utility and its customers, while maintaining and protecting the safety, reliable operation, and balancing of its electric system;

(k) An assessment, informed by the cumulative impact analysis conducted under RCW 19.405.140, of: Energy and nonenergy benefits and reductions of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities; long-term and short-term public health and environmental benefits, costs, and risks; and energy security and risk;

(l) A ten-year clean energy action plan for implementing RCW 19.405.030 through 19.405.050 at the lowest reasonable cost, and at an acceptable resource adequacy standard, that identifies the specific actions to be taken by the utility consistent with the long-range integrated resource plan.

4. RCW 19.280.050 requires that Grant PUD's Commission encourage participation of its consumers in development of the Integrated Resources Plan and approve the plan after it has provided public notice and hearing which

occurred on July 23, 2024;

5. Grant PUD's staff has prepared and submitted an Integrated Resources plan which meets the requirements of RCW Chapter 19.280.010 et seq., a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
6. Grant PUD's Chief Commercial Officer has reviewed the proposed Integrated Resources Plan and it complies with the requirements of RCW Chapter 19.280.010 et seq. and recommends its adoption by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, that the attached Integrated Resources Plan is hereby approved,
and Grant PUD's General Manager/Chief Executive Officer is directed to file the plan with the Washington Department of Commerce.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 27th day of August 2024.

Resolution No. 9063 relative to accepting and awarding a bid was presented to the Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Schaapman to approve Resolution No. 9063. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 9063

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT 170-12412, FOR FURNISHING LAMINATED WOOD STRUCTURES FOR THE LARSON-STRATFORD PROJECT

Recitals

1. Bids were publicly opened on August 1, 2024 for Contract 170-12412, for Furnishing Laminated Wood Structures for the Larson-Stratford Project;
2. Bid proposals were received from the following suppliers/contractors and evaluated by Grant PUD's staff;
 - Laminated Wood Structures, Inc. - \$2,077,729.00
3. The low bid, submitted by Laminated Wood Structures, Inc. is both commercially and technically compliant with Grant PUD's contract requirements;
4. The bid is less than the Engineer's Estimate of \$2,000,000.00 plus 15%; and
5. Grant PUD's Senior Manager of Power Delivery and Director of Power Delivery concur with staff and recommend award to Laminated Wood Structures as the lowest responsible and best bid based on Grant PUD's plan and specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into a contract, Contract 170-12412, for Furnishing Laminated Wood Structures for the Larson-Stratford Project with Laminated Wood Structures, Inc. of Seward, Nebraska in the amount of \$2,077,729.00 plus applicable sales tax, upon receipt of the required payment and performance bond in a manner satisfactory to Grant PUD's Counsel.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, this 27th day of August, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Schaapman approving a settlement agreement with respect to Contract No. 130-11694HR, West Canal Substation Labor and Contract No. 130-11695H, Quincy Foothills Substation Labor each with Potelco, Inc. After consideration, the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Finance / Business Services Quarterly Finance Reports (QFR) for Labor, O&M and Capital were shared by the following Budget Managers:

- Finance/Business Services – Jennifer Sager, Senior Manager of Accounting
- Energy Supply Management – Craig Kunz, Senior Manager of Net Powering R&M
- Enterprise Technology – Amanda Anthony, Manager Software of Quality Assurance
- Human Resources – Kristi Van Diest, Human Resources Operations Manager
- Executive – Maggie Ramirez, Clerk of the Board, Executive Services Supervisor
- Internal Services – Craig Bressan, Senior Manager of Safety
- Protective Services – Craig Bressan, Senior Manager of Safety
- Chief Admin Office – Krissy Mackenzie, Manager of EPPM
- Customer Affairs – Cary West, Senior Manager of Customer Solutions
- External Affairs/Pricing – Chuck Allen, Senior Manager of External Affairs
- Telecom & Fiber Services – Terry Mckenzie, Senior Manager of Wholesale Telecom Fiber Services
- Power Delivery – Jesus Lopez, Director of Power Delivery
- Power Production – Rey Pulido, Director of Power Production
- Environmental Affairs/Cultural Resources – Ross Hendrick, Senior Manager of Environmental Affairs
- Asset Management – Russ Seiler, Senior Manager of Asset Management

Angelina Johnson, Senior Manager of Treasury and Financial Planning and Amy Thompson, Senior Financial Analyst, presented the Treasury Report.

Rafael Villalobos, Grant Writer and Harris Turner, Credit Analytics FA were introduced to the Commission.

The Commission recessed at 2:35 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 2:45 p.m.

An executive session was announced at 2:45 p.m. to last until 4:00 p.m. to review performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to discuss pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) 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 4:00 p.m. and the regular session resumed.

There being no further business to discuss, the August 27, 2024 meeting officially adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2024.



Tom Flint, President

ATTEST:




Larry Schaapman, Secretary



Terry Pyle, Vice President



Judy Wilson, Commissioner



Nelson Cox, Commissioner