

**REGULAR MEETING OF PACIFIC COUNTY PUD COMMISSIONERS HELD  
Tuesday June 21, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 2 of Pacific County, Washington met in regular session at the PUD Auditorium in Long Beach, WA at the hour of 1:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Oakes, Anderson and Hickey, General Manager Dunsmoor, Chief of Engineering & Operations Craig Kalich, POC Operations Manager Jim Hilbert, Auditor Angie Enlow, Finance Manager Renae Powell, Power Resource Manager Humaira Falkenberg, and Customer Service Manager Mark Hatfield.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**GENERAL MANAGER WORKSHOP** Cancelled

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

The Board entered an Executive Session, expected to return to open session at 2:00 pm, regarding the Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment with no action anticipated after returning to Open Session. The Executive Session began at 1:04 pm. The Board returned to open session at 2:00 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hickey, and passed approving the consent agenda and listed:

<b>1</b>	Minutes from the previous meeting		
<b>2</b>	Electronic Payments	\$140,955.76	
<b>3</b>	Miscellaneous Checks Issue		
<b>4</b>	Payroll	\$159,532.77	6230-6285
<b>5</b>	Prepays	\$15,400.51	6229, 6286, 208346-208349
<b>6</b>	Vouchers (Including Direct Deposit)	\$466,057.81	6287-6306, 208350-208386

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA** NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Informational material was received from the following: American Public Power Association, Northwest Public Power Association, Washington PUD Association, NewsData Corporation, Columbia Basin Bulletin, Bonneville Power Administration, Public Power Council, and Northwest RiverPartners.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The District staff has provided the new pole contact rate of \$25.47 to go into effect January 1, 2023, based on the Board approved policy to automatically adjust annually. This replaces the

2022 rate of \$23.17. Registered letters were sent out six months in advance of the increase to all four contactors, as per the pole contract agreement.

- There are two payments to NoaNet in the vouchers. A \$2,935.80 charge for attorney fees and a \$7,000.00 Auction 108 advance deposit. The attorney fees represent the District’s share of the total cost amounting to 20%. The final consortium has five members participating in the endeavor.
- A letter was provided to the Board from BPA informing the six utilities that are requesting a one-time switch from Slice/Block product to Load Following product effective October 1, 2023, through the remainder of the current BPA contract, which coincides with the beginning of the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 rate period. BPA performed a rate risk analysis and determined that if all six utilities switched the conversion would neither impose added financial risk on BPA nor result in undue cost shifts to other customers. BPA is proposing to allow the switch and will be taking public comment for ten days until June 24, 2022.
- The IRS has revised the 2022 mileage rate for the remainder of 2022. The current rate of 58.5 cents per mile will increase to 62.5 cents effective July 1, 2022.
- The District has received our new Ditch Witch JT20 Horizontal Directional Drill for the WOC crews.
- Staff will be starting the 2023 Budget process next month and Commissioner Hickey wanted the board to discuss any items they would like to have added. Commissioner Hickey would like to see an increase in educational benefit from 50% of the cost to 100% of the cost of continuing education. Commissioner Oakes would like to have the staff review work force development, and fleet and equipment management.
- General Manager Dunsmoor reported on:
  - Meetings held over the last two weeks; and
  - No upcoming meetings scheduled for the next two weeks.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion made by Commissioner Hickey, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and passed authorizing the District to enter into the listed Contracts for Service Extensions with:

Jake Cervilla	Patrick Toby	Juanita Starkey
Joe & Michelle Potter	Tre-Fin Group LLC	

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hickey asked Power Resource Manager Humaira Falkenberg to explain what the Residential Exchange Benefit, Transfer Service terms mean in our industry. She would also like to know if the staff would like to take classes for Managing through change.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Oakes reported on PPC and WPUDA meetings attended.

Commissioner Hickey reported on PPC and NoaNet meetings attended.

## **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA**          NONE

The Board entered an Executive Session, expected to return to open session at 3:07 pm, regarding the Qualification of an Applicant for Public Employment and Performance of a Public Employee with no action anticipated after returning to Open Session. The Executive Session began at 2:37 pm. The Board returned to open session at 3:07 pm and requested twenty more minutes. The Board returned to open session at 3:27 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.