



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
March 24, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Cowlitz PUD Board Room & Microsoft Teams**

Board of Commissioners: Dave Quinn, Duane Dalglish, Bruce Pollock

The Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, with the exception of holidays and other conflicts. Members of the public interested in participating via Microsoft Teams should contact Monica Petterson at mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026. To attend by phone, please call 1-323-484-8960 (Conference ID: 490 131 405#) at the time of the meeting. If you require reasonable accommodation while attending the Cowlitz PUD Board Meeting, please call Monica at (360) 501-9154 at least 72-hours prior to the meeting so that your needs can be addressed.

Please note that public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

1. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda
3. **Motion to Approve** Today's Board Agenda: Dave Quinn
4. **Motion to Approve** the PUD Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026:
Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll: Heather Sorensen
7. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta

8. Action Items

8.1 **Motion to Approve** Staff Recommendation No. 6/3/24 – Award of Ductile Iron Poles Supply Contract: Trent Martin

8.2 **Motion to Approve** Staff Recommendation No. 7/3/24 – Business Operation Policies Update: Monica Petterson

9. Staff Reports and Presentations

9.1 Employee Handbook Review: Marisa Heard

9.2 February 2026 Operational Reports

- Power Management
- Accounting & Finance
- Operations
- Engineering
- Customer Service
- Employee Services
- Public Relations & Communications
- Regulatory & Regional Affairs

10. **Executive Session:** If needed, the Presiding Officer will follow the Executive Session Procedure included with this agenda. Following the Executive Session, the Board may take action in public related to the Executive Session.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting

COWLITZ PUD EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEDURE

The Board may meet in Executive Session for any reason authorized under the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.110 (1), using the following procedure:

1. Announce the Executive Session

We will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) for _____ minutes unless extended by the Presiding Officer. The purpose of the executive session is (choose one of the following):

- a. (i) To consider matters affecting national security;
(ii) To consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW [19.255.010](#) and [42.56.590](#), and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets;
- b. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- c. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- d. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- f. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing, or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
- g. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW [42.30.140\(4\)](#), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- i. To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

2. Return to Open Public Meeting

- a. Once the session concludes, the board will return to open meeting.
- b. If any action is taken it must take place in open meeting.
- c. Action may not take place earlier than the time for which the executive session was to conclude, including any extensions announced by the Presiding Officer.

Note: The foregoing is not a complete list of allowed purposes to hold an executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) but represents the most likely purposes for Cowlitz PUD.