

Fiber in the Air for East County Project

Grays Harbor PUD telecom and line crews worked together last month to hang over 16,000 feet of utility fiber cable running from Elma to the Schouweiller Road, a crucial step toward the completion of the East County Fiber Project. When completed, the line will provide the backbone of a state-funded stretch of telecommunications line that will improve fiber optic cable connections to the Elma and Satsop School Districts, the Schouweiller industrial park and local homes and businesses.



The project was funded by \$463-thousand dollars of the state's 2017-19 Capital Budget, approved by the state legislature in January of last year. In addition to the East County project, legislators have been debating and fine tuning other legislation designed to expand and improve internet services in rural Washington.

Path to the PUD Shown to MJH Students

Members of the Grays Harbor PUD love to tell their story and encourage the Harbor's youth to pursue careers that could lead to the utility. On February 27, the PUD's Eric Jackson, Jacob Medley and Rob Hanny told participants of the Miller Junior High School Future Options Day what a career in public power involved and how it could be attained. The three were one of several groups of professionals who spoke to Miller students about the benefits of both trade and college paths and the great careers that can result from those paths.

In addition to the Miller Junior High event, the PUD is also a regular participant in student events at Emerson Elementary School in Hoquiam, Robert Gray Elementary School in Aberdeen and other schools that ask for utility participation.



Commission Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Nichols Building, 220 Myrtle Street, Hoquiam.

April 2019

Monday - April 8

(rescheduled from April 1)

Monday - April 22

(rescheduled from April 15)

May 2019

Monday - May 6

Monday - May 20

Regular business meetings are scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm.

A one hour workshop (3:30 to 4:30 pm) will precede each business meeting, unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend all commission meetings, special meetings, workshops and public hearings. **Public comment periods are included at the open and close of every meeting.**

Commission meetings may be cancelled and special meetings may be scheduled. Please visit our website (www.ghpud.org) for updated information.

ON-LINE BILL PAYMENT

Want to pay your bill on-line? Now you can pay your bill instantly without ever leaving home. Just go to ghpud.org, click the "Pay Bill/Smart Hub" button on the bottom left hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. If you have any difficulties using the online service, please call Customer Service at 1-800-562-7726 or you may email customerservice@ghpud.org.



PUD Joins APPA Rally in Washington DC

Energy policy, telecommunication projects and work on the Grays Harbor power system were all discussed by members of the Grays Harbor PUD team at the American Public Power Association's (APPA) annual rally in Washington DC last month. Commissioner Arie Callaghan, General Manager Dave Ward and Communications Director Ian Cope joined utilities from across the state and the country in lobbying legislators to support energy policies that will benefit public power customers.

The meetings included a stop at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a meeting with Commissioner Richard Glick, a FERC representative with Northwest roots. The PUD also met with representatives from Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell's offices and Representative Derek Kilmer to update them on the status of the PUD and Port of Grays Harbor's Satsop Business Park energy capacity project, described by Ward as the "most important economic development project the utility is working on."

As the utility's APPA voting member, Commissioner Callaghan also cast votes in favor of APPA legislative resolutions covering wildfire responses, local control for pole attachments, transmission cost increases and municipal bond modernization.



PUD Opens Enrollment for Utility Academy

What makes up the PUD telecommunications infrastructure? How does the PUD purchase its power? How did the PUD come into existence? Who make up the PUD crews and how do they respond to an outage? Those and other questions will be answered as your Grays Harbor PUD proudly offers its 2019 Citizen Utility Academy. If you are interested in learning more about your PUD and are willing to attend four, two-hour classes, contact the PUD at (360) 532-4220. Names and phone numbers will be taken and as soon as we have reached enough interested participants to fill a class, you will be contacted with time and location for the events. Come learn about your PUD!!!



ENERGY, an informational newsletter, is published monthly for families and businesses energized by Grays Harbor PUD.

2720 Sumner Avenue
Aberdeen WA 98520

Customer Service 360-532-4220
Toll Free 800-562-7726
Fax 360-532-6085

Outage Numbers 360-537-3721
Toll Free 888-541-5923

Visit us at: www.ghpud.org

General Manager: Dave Ward
Editor: Ian Cope

Commissioners:

Arie Callaghan • 360-538-6514 • acallaghan@ghpud.org
Russ Skolrood • 360-538-6289 • rskolrood@ghpud.org
Dave Timmons • 360-538-6267 • dtimmons@ghpud.org

