

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Jefferson County, Washington  
P.O. Box 65261, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
PROPOSING SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

**WHEREAS** the Port Ludlow Drainage District, formed under authority of RCW 85.38, is managed by a Board of Commissioners which contracts the District's work to outside sources, including routine maintenance of facilities and administrative functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reached the stage of maintaining the facilities with no plans for expansion of drainage infrastructure or replacement of existing facilities within the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's operating budget, both current and projected over the next 5 years, show that payment for services and fees associated with being a Special District make-up approximately 65% of expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners feels that the costs associated with the requirements for managing a Special District is a heavy burden for a District that has completed the Capital Improvement Projects for which it was formed and is only providing maintenance of the CIP facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners would like to preserve as much of the District's cash reserve as possible and to suspend collection of assessments until there is a need for additional build-out or replacement of existing facilities that directly benefit the landowners within the District's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 85.38.220, "Suspension of Operations" allows for suspension of operation of a Special District that owns drainage improvements upon approval of the legislative authority and of the county accepting responsibility for operation and maintenance of the improvements during the suspension period; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 85.38.220, "Suspension of Operations", allows for initiation of suspending a special district's operations by adoption of a resolution proposing such action by the governing body;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that per RCW 85.38.220 the Port Ludlow Drainage District Board of Commissioners is proposing to suspend operation for a period of 5 years or until such time as new facilities or replacement of existing facilities is deemed to be a necessity and in the best interest of the landowners. The Commissioners will work with Jefferson County Commissioners to present this proposal to the landowners thru a public hearing, will work with Jefferson County Public Works on the

transfer of maintenance obligations and will prepare necessary state documents with the goal of preserving PLDD cash reserves and facilities for the on-going benefit of the District landowners. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Jefferson County Commissioners and to provide through himself or Commissioner Helleson such information as the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners may reasonably request.

**PASSED** at a Special Meeting of the Port Ludlow Drainage District Board of Commissioners this 11th day of March 2021.



Don Forbes, Chair, Commissioner 2



Deborah Helleson, Commissioner 3