

Okanogan PUD manager on admin leave

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OKANOGAN – John Grubich, general manager of the Okanogan County Public Utility District since November 2007, was placed on administrative leave last week by the utility board.

The move came during an Aug. 4 special meeting. Grubich will be out until Aug. 22.

Don Coppock, director of accounting, finance and administration/auditor, was named acting general manager during an Aug. 7 board meeting.

He had been appointed Aug. 4 by board Chairman Scott Vejraska. The remaining board members – Steve

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Houston and Jerry Asmussen – confirmed the appointment.

The board did not give a reason for putting Grubich on leave.

After the meeting, Vejraska said it was “an internal thing,” but declined further comment. He said additional board action is expected during the board’s Aug. 21 meeting or possibly earlier at a special meeting.

Grubich could not be reached for comment.

Grubich, 61, came to the PUD from Fairbanks, Alaska, where he was chief financial officer for Golden Valley Electric Association. He has a law degree and a master’s in business administration from Gonzaga University, and a bachelor’s degree from Central Washington University.

His experience with electric utility districts started at the Chelan County PUD.

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