

PENINSULA DRAINAGE No.1
Board of Supervisors

David Ernst
Graphic Packaging International
Inc.
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I became a board member about 15 years ago when I joined James River Corporation. That was the company name at that time. It then became Fort James and then Graphic Packaging and now Graphic Packaging International Inc. These are the same buildings, same location at 3400 N Marine Drive. Portions of the plant date from 1919 when the name was Western Waxide. The plant was originally built to provide waxed paper for the Swift & Co. slaughtering and meat packing operation located next to the stockyards.

In my time on the Pen 1 Board I have seen the change from a loosely managed drainage district to a well managed district benefiting greatly with association with the competent professional assistance of the Multnomah Drainage District staff.