

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2017

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President Don Nuxoll presiding, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Don Nuxoll and Greg McCall. Judy Ridge joined by phone.

Staff: Manager Tim Simpson, Treasurer Bob Sischo, Operations Director Craig Riehle and Operations Foreman Bob Wimer.

Members of the public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1915 through #1917 and Electronic Transaction Vouchers #4477EFT through #4493EFT in the amount of \$35,089.70 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #37536 through #37598 and Electronic Transaction Vouchers #17100301, #17100501, #17100502, #17101701, #17102001 #17102002 and #17102003 in the amount of \$265,674.51. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items presented under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacuum Excavator – Sewer Jetter Combination Truck Purchase

The manager stated that there has been a lot of discussion regarding the purchase of a vacuum excavator/sewer jetter combination truck. A demonstration of a truck was conducted and has led us to this point where, for budget and operational reasons, discussion of the use and the purchase of this equipment is necessary. The manager stated that he invited Director of Operations Craig Riehle and Operations Foreman Bob Wimer to discuss the use of this equipment for daily operations and maintenance and to provide information regarding their research into this type of truck.

Mr. Riehle started by outlining a number of benefits that would be derived from having the truck for daily operations for both our water and wastewater systems in Asotin County and the Port of Wilma. It is Mr. Wimer's belief that the truck would be used

almost daily year-round. When construction is completed on the water system, the truck would then be used to flush the entire sewer system. Currently we jet and flush a section of the sewer system once every 7 years because the City of Clarkston's vacuum truck is only available one to two weeks out of the year. Mr. Wimer stated that the system should be completely jetted and flushed every year. The Port of Wilma sewer system has not been flushed since 2013. In addition the City is called upon to pump out our lift stations for regular maintenance. Mr. Wimer stated that when a vacuum/jetter truck is needed we are left waiting for the City of Clarkston to help with their vacuum truck and on several occasions it has not been available.

Mr. Riehle stated that the truck would be useful in preparation for construction projects in order to locate utilities without having to dig. Digging has resulted in damage to utilities due to the number of utilities under the road. Currently we call a contractor with a vacuum truck to help us in these situations which costs approximately \$1,200 each time we use them. He stated that the truck would also be beneficial in installing new services or replacing old services.

Mr. Riehle stated that there are half a dozen manufacturers of this truck but his researched showed that the top 2 manufacturers are Vac-Con and Vactor with Vactor being the top rated truck. Both trucks new would cost in the \$400,000 range before sales tax. He stated that he looked into the cost of a used truck and the price for a used 2013 Vac-Con was \$290,000 and the price for a 2012 Vactor was \$320,000. He stated that although the cost of the trucks is much lower than a new one they only come with limited 30-day warranties. He stated that even though the trucks are gone through we may be buying someone else's problems.

After several questions and discussion from the Commission, Commissioner McCall asked for a document showing the benefits for operations that would be derived from the purchase and use of a vacuum excavator/sewer jetter combination truck. The manager stated that there is \$234,000 that was provided upon transfer of the sewer system from Asotin County. He stated that this amount could be used to pay for half of the truck and the sales tax. The remaining \$200,000 or so could be paid for from a variety of sources, such as, budget, reserves or financing. Commissioner Nuxoll directed the manager to provide details at the next meeting on how to pay for the truck if purchased.

Change the Tuesday, October 24th Commission Meeting Date to Monday, October 23rd

The manager requested changing the next Commission meeting date from Tuesday, October 24, 2017 to Monday, October 23, 2017 for commissioner travel to meetings.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to approve changing the Tuesday, October 24, 2017 to Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Well No. 3 Motor – The new motor for Well No. 3 has arrived in Spokane at Specialty Pump. Installation of the new motor and the testing of it will be scheduled for next week.

Main Line Flushing – Flushing of water mains began on Monday, October 3rd and concluded Friday, October 6th. The crew took a break to catch up on maintenance but will begin flushing again starting Monday, October 16th through Friday, October 20th. A notice of our flushing activities will be provided in the Tribune along with instructions on what customers can do should they encounter discolored water.

Lead Service Lines – The crew replaced two (2) services today but neither copper service line had a lead gooseneck. The crew will be digging up four (4) service lines on Thursday and Friday to continue the process of verifying the potential services lines with lead pigtailed. All services dug up will be completely replaced regardless of their status.

Magnetic Meter Calibration – A technician was on site today to conduct testing and calibration of all of our magnetic meters on our water production wells. The Board requested that a narrative and description of how magnetic meters work be provided at the next meeting. All meters were inspected and passed testing procedures.

Commission Meeting Date Changes – The manager recommended changing the November and December Commission meeting dates to align with the Christmas holiday and to ensure they do not conflict with Commissioner Nuxoll's County Building and Planning Committee meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. He stated that he would like to move the November meetings to Monday, November 6th and Monday November 20th with the Budget Hearing being held on Tuesday November 28th or on a date the Board designates. The December meetings would be held on Monday, December 4th and Monday, December 18th. The Board concurred with the meeting date changes which will be an item under New Business at the October 23rd meeting for Board approval.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended the Washington PUD Association Water Workshop September 27-29 in Leavenworth, Washington with the manager. He reported that the workshop and the topics discussed were good. He stated that the Supreme Court Hirst decision is having reverberations throughout the state with real estate, building and with the legislature due to the persistence to not pass a capital budget until legislation addressing the Hirst Decision is approved. He stated that Asotin County is in a good position because we are not a Growth Management Act county and we did not adopt instream flow rule upon completion of watershed planning, which is the crux of the Hirst argument. He stated that other topics covered included lead lines, water rights, capital improvements and financing. He stated that hearing from other PUDs regarding their issues has demonstrated to him the good position we are in because we solidified our water rights and the fact that we have been addressing capital improvements.

Commissioner Ridge attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on October 4-6 in Portland Oregon. She reported that PPC consultants provided a presentation on what is happening at the federal level in Washington D.C. HR3144, the bill introduced by Cathy McMorris-Rodgers to address the Salmon Biological Opinion, has gained traction. She reported that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has two new appointee commissioners and now has a quorum. She reported that Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Administrator Elliott Manzier discussed various issues at BPA including how they are starting in the hole for the 2018 budget. Manzier reported that stopping the I5 corridor project has resulted in significant savings. Manzier also addressed funding to ensure a sustainable fisheries program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.