

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2008

Vice-President Gary Hicks 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.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Gary Hicks and Don Nuxoll. Judy Ridge (by phone)

PUD Staff: General Manager Tim Simpson, Treasurer Bob Sischo, Attorney Scott Broyles and Board Secretary Roberta Tilden.

Members of the public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

MOTION by Commissioner Don Nuxoll seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve the consent agenda giving approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2008 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Voucher covering vouchers 878EFT through 893EFT in the amount of \$26,325.62 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #25440 through #25512, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #20080201, #20080204, #20080206, #2008012801, #2008012802, #2008013101, #2008013102 and #2008020601 in the amount of \$318,673.23. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

Standby Generator Project

A contractor will be here the last week of February to change the generator's oil and radiator fluid. The contractor will do a test startup of the generator to ensure that it will perform properly when the actual startup and training occurs. Energy Northwest (ENW) will be here mid-March to complete the project. The recent weather conditions have delayed the startup. ENW and staff continue to search for a double-walled one thousand gallon fuel tank. The ENW representative was instrumental in moving this process forward.

Port of Wilma Water Sales

The manager stated that he continues to work with the Port to calculate usage and work with the Port director on water rights and system operation. It was reported that Bennett Lumber has laid off their graveyard shift. Operations and maintenance is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 08-329 – General Manager’s Salary

As directed by the Board, the general manager presented Resolution 08-329 which provides for the General Manager’s annual salary.

MOTION by Judy Ridge, seconded by Don Nuxoll approving Resolution 08-329, adopting the General Manager’s annual salary effective January 1, 2008. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Clearwater Power Company – Clearwater stated that they noticed a couple of weeks ago that one of the terminators in the Heimark substation lost most of its oil. There are 6 terminators in the Hiemark substation that feed the golf course and the PUD electrical system. These terminators are very old and have not been used in a number of years. Clearwater proposed that these 6 terminators be replaced with their new standard terminators. The new terminators have no oil. The estimated cost is less than \$5,000.

BPA Interim Payment – BPA will be providing an offer on Friday, February 22, 2008 for disbursement of the Residential Exchange program that BPA has collected through rates. Asotin PUD will be offered approximately \$17,000. The contact and its approval or disapproval will be an item for discussion at our next meeting.

Washington Water Utility Council – The WWUC has submitted a motion for summary judgment as part of the Municipal Water Law challenge. WWUC is working with the State Department of Health and the Department of Ecology in defending the provisions of the 2003 law. The first hearing in the challenge to the Municipal Water Law will be on May 23, 2008. Asotin PUD is a dues paying member of the WWUC.

Water Right Change Applications – The water right change applications submitted by the PUD in August 2007 have passed the first comment period without issue and are currently being reviewed by the Department of Ecology’s staff at the State Attorney General’s office. The review should be complete by March or early April.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending the Watershed Planning Unit Habitat Subcommittee meeting on February 14th at the PUD office.

Commissioner Ridge attended Energy Northwest meetings January 23rd and 24th in Richland, Washington. She stated that ENW is still researching and making plans regarding what they will do with the Pacific Mountain Energy Center now that the state environmental citing council has denied their application to utilize coal in the proposed energy facility. Commissioner Ridge stated that a new committee has been formed by ENW to look at new nuclear power opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Commissioners entered into executive session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss the sale and acquisition of real property. Commissioner Hicks stated that the Executive Session would last approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

Commissioner Hicks reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.