

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER REDISTRICTING HEARING  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 12, 2011

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President Don Nuxoll presiding, the Commissioner Redistricting Hearing of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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ROLL CALL: PRESENT    Commissioners: Don Nuxoll, Judy Ridge and Gary Hicks.

PUD Staff: General Manager, Tim Simpson, Treasurer,  
Bob Sischo and Counsel, Scott Broyles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Redistricting – Open Hearing

Commissioner Nuxoll called the meeting to order and opened the Public Hearing for the Commissioner Redistricting at 11:00 a.m.

Staff Input

The manager presented an Analysis of the Current and Proposed Commission Districts as completed by Sammamish Data Systems. The manager stated attachments include the report of the analysis, summary reports and maps showing the PUD service boundary and Commissioner District boundary. The manager stated that the total population within the PUD service boundary after the 2000 census was 18,372. The 2010 census shows a total population within our service boundary of 19,264. Redistricting requires that each commissioner have an equal or near equal number of people in their respective district. Dividing the 19,264 population number by three (3) districts, the ideal population for each Commission District is 6,421.

The manager stated that under the current 2010 census based on current commissioner district boundaries, District 1-Judy has 6,201, District 2-Don has 6,384 and District 3-Gary has 6,679. Sammamish approached the process with the goal of minimizing the splitting of voter precincts. This approach would make it easier for the county to adjust our commissioner districts. Unfortunately this approach did not provide an equal population distribution. Sammamish is recommending the following population distribution; District 1-Judy; 6,561, District 2-Don; 6,502 and District 3-Gary; 6,201. The deviation with Gary's district is approximately 5% which is an acceptable number by the state.

Options presented by the manager were 1.) Accept the recommendation as shown above, 2.) Have Sammamish Data redraw the boundaries to ensure equal or near equal population distribution without regard to the voter precincts or 3.) Leave the numbers as is based on the current commissioner district boundaries. The manager stated that Option 3 would leave an approximate 7.2% discrepancy or 478 population difference between Gary and Judy's district. The manager stated that Resolution 11-375 which provides for realigning commissioner districts will be presented in the regular commission meeting to follow.

#### Commissioner Input

Commissioners discussed the difference in population with each option and how they might proceed with realignment if they chose to do so.

#### Public Input

There were no members of the public present to provide questions or input.

#### Close Hearing

Commissioner Nuxoll declared the Commissioner Redistricting Hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nuxoll adjourned the Commissioner Redistricting Hearing at 11:09 a.m.