

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2009

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, Don Nuxoll and Judy Ridge.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda giving approval of the minutes of the June 30, 2009 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1665 and #1666 and #1385EFT through #1398EFT in the amount of \$24,995.05 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #27034 through #27087, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #09070201, #09070202, #09070203, #09071002, and #09071002 in the amount of \$93,484.19. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

County Wastewater System Ownership Transfer – System Transfer Agreement

The manager reported that Keller Associates completed the final report on the County Wastewater System Condition Assessment and Feasibility Study. The Commissioners and Counsel received a copy of the report. He stated that the City of Clarkston Wastewater Treatment Plant request for proposals for addressing State Department of Ecology discharge issues and planning update closed on June 30th. He stated that the City received six (6) proposals and that he and County Public Works Director Joel Ristau will be working with Clarkston Public Works Director Jim Martin in reviewing the proposals and recommending a consultant to complete the proposed work.

Counsel Scott Broyles stated that he is currently developing the memorandum of understanding between the PUD and County for transfer of their wastewater system. Counsel stated that he would have a draft available before the next board meeting scheduled for July 28th.

Port of Whitman County – Port of Wilma Contract Fees Moratorium Request

The manager stated that he and Counsel met on Friday, July 10th to outline details of the Port's requested changes to their Water Sales Contract and Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the PUD for the Port of Wilma Water System. The Port is seeking contract fee relief due to Bennett Lumber's current operation stoppage. The Board directed the development a memorandum of agreement providing for continued operations and assumption of the Port of Wilma water system. Counsel stated that an addendum to the current agreements would be the best approach. Counsel stated that he would have a draft available before the next board meeting scheduled for July 28th.

Energy Northwest NuScale Modular Nuclear Project Study Participation

The manager stated that Kittitas PUD has agreed to partner to participate and share costs in the Energy Northwest (ENW) study on the NuScale Modular Nuclear Project. The manager stated that he contacted Whatcom PUD but they declined participation. Kittitas contacted two other utilities, Skamania and Ferry PUD seeking their interest in participating and partnering. Jack Baker at ENW stated in an email that the Asotin PUD share for the cost of the study would only be \$5,000.00. Kittitas' share would be \$8,000.00. The Board questioned whether Clearwater Power Company (CPC) could participate. The manager stated that he would contact Mr. Baker and ask if CPC could participate. If they can, he will contact CPC's manager seeking interest in participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Watershed Planning Stream Flow Gauge Monitoring Consultant Selection

The manager stated that a Request for Qualification was advertised for stream flow gauge monitoring in the watershed for the years 2009-2011. Two consultants submitted proposals – River Measurement and Lemire Contracting. The Watershed Planning Unit reviewed the proposals and recommended Lemire Contracting for gauge monitoring. The manager stated that the grant funding from the Department of Ecology is available and an agreement between the PUD and Ecology is near completion. The manager requested approval to hire Lemire Contracting for the work and develop an agreement with him for the stream gauge monitoring services. He stated that the agreements with Lemire and Ecology will be presented to the Board for approval before work begins.

MOTION by Don Nuxoll, seconded by Judy Ridge to approve the selection of Lemire Contracting for the WRIA 35 Watershed Planning Stream Gauge Monitoring and to negotiate a contract for services contingent upon the availability and finalization of a grant funding agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Well 6 Emergency Repairs – The manager reported that Well No 6 has been repaired and is operational. The manager stated that he is concerned about the motor after it was repaired last year. The motor will be monitored daily to ensure its proper operation.

8th Street Main Replacement Project – The manager stated the crew began replacement of approximately 1,300 feet of steel water main on 8th Street between Highland Avenue and South 10th Street. This replacement is one of the projects identified in the 2006 Water System Plan Update. The manager stated that all service lines will be changed over to the new main after the main is chlorinated and the water samples from the main are deemed satisfactory. He stated that the project should take approximately 2 weeks.

Solar Project – The manager reported that he has contacted a solar system manufacturer called Silicon Energy. They are Washington Based and their systems are manufactured in Moses Lake. Avista recently installed this system on their corporate office in Spokane. He stated that he is also waiting on information from Infinia Corp on their solar product.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the Watershed Planning Unit meeting on July 9th. He will be attending the Stormwater Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21st.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending Energy Northwest meetings July 22nd and 23rd.

Commissioner Hicks will be attending PUD Association meetings July 16th and 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.