

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 30, 2009

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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.

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

PUD Staff: General Manager Tim Simpson 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 8, 2009 Joint PUD and County Commissioner Meeting, a continuation of the May 26, 2009 meeting and the June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1372EFT through #1384EFT in the amount of \$19,600.81 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #26988 through #27033, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #200906023, #20090702, #09061901, #09061902, and #09062501 in the amount of \$260,814.48. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

County Wastewater System Ownership Transfer – System Transfer Agreement

The manager reported on activities that have occurred after the joint PUD and County Commissioner meeting held on June 8, 2009. He stated that the Board of Commissioners for the County voted on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to move forward with the transfer of ownership of their wastewater collection system to the PUD authorizing staff and county attorneys to work with the PUD to begin development of a transfer agreement.

Counsel Scott Broyles stated that he is working with bond counsel from Foster Pepper regarding the County's General Obligation (GO) bonds. Hugh Spitzer from Foster Pepper stated that it would be no problem transferring the County's GO bond to the PUD. Counsel stated that he will need to talk to County Treasurer Margaret Crabb regarding the handling of the transfer of the GO bond. Counsel stated that he has two sample transfer agreements for use in the development of the PUD/County wastewater system transfer agreements. Counsel requested permission from the Board to hire Foster Pepper as bond counsel.

After further discussion of the system transfer, the City of Clarkston's treatment plant study, the collection and treatment agreement and billing system issues, the Commission adopted the following motion.

**MOTION** by Judy Ridge, seconded by Don Nuxoll authorizing Attorney Scott Broyles to hire bond counsel for the purpose of transferring the County's Sewer System General Obligation Bonds to the PUD and for other general counsel in development of the PUD and Asotin County Wastewater Collection System Transfer Agreement. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

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

The manager stated that due to his AWWA conference attendance and recent vacation there has been little progress on the Board direction that he and counsel develop a memorandum of agreement providing for continued operations and eventual assumption of the Port of Wilma water system. The MOA with the Port of Whitman County will be developed in the coming weeks.

#### Energy Northwest NuScale Modular Nuclear Project Study Participation

The manager stated that per the Board's direction he contacted several other Public Utility District's to seek their interest in partnering to participate and share costs in the Energy Northwest (ENW) study on the NuScale Modular Nuclear Project. ENW will be studying the new technology for potential use at the current Columbia Generating Nuclear Facility. ENW is requesting \$25,000 per participant.

Mason 1 and Kittitas PUD originally expressed an interest in participating but Mason's Board decided to withdraw their interest. The manager stated that he reported to Jack Baker by the deadline on June 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the Asotin PUD interest in participating. He told Mr. Baker that they would continue to seek cost sharing partners in the study.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Well 6 Emergency Repairs – The manager reported that material has been ordered for repair of Well No. 6. Some of the material has arrived with the pump scheduled to arrive next week. Replacement of all equipment is scheduled for the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. The manager stated that the well should be operational by Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Automated Meter Installations – The manager stated that approximately 450 radio read automated meters purchased this year have been installed. The entire Clarkston Heights has been metered and all the routes in that area will be moved to a single route to be read with the vehicle unit. He stated that 60% of the PUD meters have been replaced or retrofitted with the radio read electronic meter reading devices.

Solar Project – The manager reported that he spoke with staff from Avista utilities regarding our interest in a solar project. He showed a picture of solar panels that Avista recently installed on their corporate office in Spokane. The solar panels were manufactured and assembled in Washington State. He stated that he will be contacting the company who built the photovoltaic system requesting information.

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner Hicks attended the American Water Works Association annual conference in San Diego, California held on June 14 – 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the Drinking Source Water Protection committee meeting on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> and the Watershed Planning Unit Meeting on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the PURMS semi-annual meeting with Treasurer Bob Sischo on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that assessments for property, liability and health are forthcoming. He stated that we will see a 10% increase in broker fees. He stated that 56% of the claims come from 3% of the pool members. He also stated that 96% of the assessments and charges go to claims with 4% going to administration.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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