

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
and  
ASOTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOINT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2009

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President Gary Hicks presiding, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County Meeting from May 26, 2009 was reconvened and called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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

County Commissioners: Doug Mattoon, Buck Lane and Don Brown.

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

County Staff: Public Works Director Joel Ristau, Financial Officer, Kelly Dougherty, sewer utility staff.

Other Attendees: Staff from Keller Associates, City of Clarkston Public Works Director, Jim Martin and members of the public.

Presentation – County Wastewater System Condition Assessment and Feasibility Study

PUD General Manager Tim Simpson opened the study presentation by welcoming PUD County Commissioners and attendees. He provided an overview of the agenda for the presentation and a history of the project and a timeline of how both the County and the PUD arrived at this point.

Larry Rupp from Keller Associates provided an overview of the wastewater system condition assessment, benefits provided by PUD operation of the system and items that will need to be considered if system transfer occurs. Ray Bartlett from Economic and Financial Analysis provided an overview of the feasibility study.

PUD General Manager Tim Simpson concluded the presentation by providing a report on what steps would likely occur next and then turned the meeting back to PUD Commissioner Gary Hicks for commissioner, staff and public input.

PUD and County Commissioner Input, Staff Input and Public Input

PUD Commissioner Gary Hicks thanked Keller for a good job on the condition assessment and feasibility study on the County's wastewater system. He stated that this process is about two governmental and public agencies seeking ways to provide efficiencies in the operation of local utilities.

County Commissioner Don Brown and Buck Lane stated that they are interested in moving forward. County Commissioner Doug Mattoon stated that it would be better if a utility like the PUD were operating the wastewater system. He stated that the PUD is in a better position to expand the system. He stated that the lack of development of the sewer system is the biggest hindrance to economic development.

PUD commissioner Don Nuxoll stated that the PUD is working with the County on the update of the sewer ordinance to ensure it is set up correctly. PUD Commissioner Ridge stated that her biggest concern and unknown at this time is the City of Clarkston treatment plant and the potential upgrades to be in compliance with the EPA.

City of Clarkston Public Works Director Jim Martin mentioned the upcoming study of on the treatment plant and stated that they will work extremely hard to make the transfer work especially with the treatment plant. He stated further that he will sit down with the County and the PUD to discuss improvements and expansion of the plant.

County Public Works Director Joel Ristau stated that the study does a good job of laying out the system and identifying issues. He stated that the PUD has the ability to consolidate processes with water and sewer and tie rates to water usage. He also stated that the PUD would have an easier time of collecting delinquent accounts. He stated that a good outline for transfer considerations was provided. He stated that staff transfer is a big issue and that there are costs to the County that won't be covered once a system transfer occurs. Mr. Ristau also stated that the logical place for growth is in the county and that we need to be actively involved in treatment plant issues.

Commissioner Hicks stated that a date for transfer of the system will need to be set and customers will need to be given adequate notice that a change of ownership will be coming. Commissioner Mattoon stated that a memorandum of understanding for the transfer of the system will need to be developed. He stated that at a meeting this month the County Commissioners will provide a formal vote to move the process forward. Commissioner Hicks stated that the PUD would do the same.

Local engineer Terry Nab stated that the PUD and County need to take an active and cooperative role in the City of Clarkston's plan for the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that it should be a joint effort from the start because of the effect it will have on the region.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.