

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 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: Judy Ridge, Gary Hicks and Don Nuxoll.

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

Members of the public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

MOTION by Commissioner Don Nuxoll and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve the consent agenda giving approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1657 through #1658 and #1277EFT through #1290EFT and in the amount of \$22,572.58 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #26660 through #26712, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #2009030402, #2009030403, #2009030501, #2009030502, and #2009030503 in the amount of \$94,507.02. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Keller Associates – Wastewater Condition Assessment and Feasibility Study Agreement

The manager stated that at the previous meeting the Board approved the selection of Keller Associates, Inc. to perform the condition assessment and feasibility study on the County's wastewater system. At the time of approval the Board authorized the manager to negotiate an Agreement for Keller's services. The manager presented the negotiated Agreement with Keller Associates which provides for the wastewater system condition assessment and feasibility study for a total fee of \$39,710.00. The manager stated that counsel has reviewed the Agreement and has approved of its content.

The manager stated that if the Agreement is approved engineers from Keller are prepared to meet with him and the County Public Works Director next week to get the project started. The manager stated that the Agreement also provides for additional optional tasks if the Board choose to consider these at a later date.

MOTION by Judy Ridge, seconded by Don Nuxoll to approve the Consulting Services Agreement with Keller Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$39,710.00 for the County Wastewater System Condition Assessment and Feasibility Study and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

Regional Aquifer Committee – Citizen Participation

The manager stated that another advertisement was placed in the Lewiston Morning Tribune this week requesting citizen participation in a new Regional Aquifer Committee. Citizens from the PUD, City of Lewiston, Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District and other interested water utilities were asked to contact their respective manager if they were interested in participating. The manager stated that he received a call from George Dekan, 1116 5th Street, expressing interest in serving on the committee as a citizen representative.

The manager stated that the first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Lewiston Police Officer Training Center from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The primary purpose of the committee is to assist those utilities in Idaho, namely the City of Lewiston and the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District to develop a wellhead and source water protection plan. The PUD developed a wellhead protection plan several years ago. Information packets will be sent from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality once the list of PUD representatives is provided to DEQ staff. Commissioner Nuxoll stated that he would be attending the committee meetings.

MOTION by Don Nuxoll, seconded by Judy Ridge to appoint George Dekan as a PUD citizen representative on the proposed Regional Aquifer Committee. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Well 7 Standby Generator Fuel Tank – The manager stated that upon further research the new fuel tank for the Well 7 standby generator will also required a day tank with an electronic pump to ensure the generator does not create a vacuum and drain the fuel line dry. The cost of this item is in the \$3,500 to \$7,000 range. In addition work on plumbing the new tank and installing the fuel lines will cost approximately \$4,000. The manager stated that in total the new fuel tank and accessories will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Energy Northwest Biomass Project – the manager stated that he received a call from Tom Krueger, Manager of Generation Development for Energy Northwest. Mr. Krueger called to discuss their proposed work with a company named Adage to locate sites for biomass plants that burn dead trees to create energy. The manager stated that they discussed locating a facility in Asotin County or at the Port of Wilma in Whitman County. The manager will be contacting local Port's and other entities to see what interest there is in locating the plant in the vicinity. Five general sites in the Northwest are being looked at. The biggest needs in sighting a plant is location to the transmission grid and the ability to secure a long-term defined fuel supply.

Regional Stormwater Committee – the manager stated that the next Regional Stormwater Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the PUD office.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Ridge will be attending the Energy Northwest board meetings on March 24 - 26, 2009 in Richland Washington. She stated that she would need to conference in to the next meeting. She also stated that Energy Northwest will be conducting a strategic planning meeting on Tuesday April 21st at Energy Northwest's office from noon to 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending the Regional Stormwater Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17th and the Aquifer Committee meeting on Monday, March 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.