

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2009

President Hicks presiding, the Special Meeting of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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

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

Members of the public were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Budget – Open Hearing

Commissioner Hicks called the meeting to order and opened the Public Hearing for the 2010 Budget at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Input

The manager provided an overview of the 2010 Budget resources and expenditures. The Manager stated that the reduction of operational expenses and capital improvement projects in 2008 and early 2009 will result in a balanced budget for yearend 2009. The reductions were accomplished without compromising water quality, customer service or overall operations.

The manager reviewed the resources that compromise PUD revenue. He stated that the rate schedule provides for a 5% consumptive rate increase from \$0.85 per unit to \$0.89 per unit. The manager stated that this equates to approximately \$0.80 per month for the average customer. He stated that installation charges will also increase 5%.

The manager reviewed specific expenditures for 2010 such as the replacement and retrofitting of meters with radio automated meter reading capability, the purchase of a vactor trailer with a valve turning device, the updating of the mapping system to GIS and the payoff of a loan for purchase of a backhoe and the payoff in 2010 of our Public Employee Retirement System buyback. He stated that an employee will be added midyear once the mapping program update is near completion.

Commissioner Input

Commissioners discussed and asked questions regarding revenue and expenditures and about the cost of the mapping upgrade to GIS and the staffing of the position.

Public Input

There were questions from the audience about the automated meter reading program regarding costs and maintenance.

Close Hearing

Commissioner Hicks declared the hearing closed at 5:58 p.m.

Resolution 09-345 – 2010 Fiscal Year Budget Adoption

MOTION by Judy Ridge, seconded by Don Nuxoll to approve and adopt the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hicks adjourned the 2010 Budget hearing at 6:00 p.m.