

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2015

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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.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #3577EFT through #3592EFT in the amount of \$29,077.15 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #34704 through #34749, and Electronic Transaction Vouchers #15071401, #15071402, #15071403, #15071404, #15072001, #15072002 and #18081301 in the amount of \$87,575.45. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items presented under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Change the Tuesday August 11th Commissioners Meeting to Thursday August 13th

The manager requested changing the next Commissioner meeting from Tuesday August 11, 2015 to Thursday August 13, 2015 due to commissioner travel to meetings.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve changing the Tuesday August 11, 2015 to Thursday August 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Burns Street Water Main Replacement – The manager reported that the operations crew has completed the water main replacement on Burns Street from Poplar to Maple Streets and will complete customer service line connections this week.

PERS Membership – the manager reported that Commission applications for membership in the Washington State Public Employee Retirement System have been approved.

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Valleyview Reservoir – The manager reported that the contractor, Wilbur Fletcher, Inc. is scheduled to begin work on the recoating of the exterior of the Valleyview Reservoir on August 10th. The contract has been executed and a Notice to Proceed will be mailed to the contractor tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner Hicks attended the Washington PUD Association meetings in Suquamish, Washington on July 15-17. Commissioner Hicks stated that work continues on the WPUDA Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Ridge attended Energy Northwest (ENW) Board of Director meetings in Richland, Washington on July 22-23. She reported that the recent refueling outage at the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) was completed nearly on time using 2,700 additional workers with no safety issues. A valve failure was the only item that delayed restarting the CGS. The CGS ran a record 683 days before the refueling event. ENW is developing a battery storage project and is waiting for funding for the Department of Energy. ENW is also working on a community solar initiative. ENW recently received a white finding in their plant but disputed the finding and prevailed. Bonneville Power Administration attended the ENW meetings and discussed their recent decision on the 2016 Rate Case. She stated the energy rates are going up approximately 7% with transmission rates going up approximately 4%. The manager stated that PUD rates will be going up 10.66% under the new rate case.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending Public Power Council meetings in Portland, Oregon on August 5-6.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.