

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 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: Gary Hicks, Don Nuxoll and Judy Ridge.

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

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 June 30, 2009 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1399EFT through #1411EFT in the amount of \$20,205.72 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #27088 through #27121, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #20090720, #20090722, #20090724, #09072203, #09073001, #09073002 and #09080401 in the amount of \$177,863.75. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

County Wastewater System Ownership Transfer – System Transfer Agreement

The manager reported that Counsel Scott Broyles continues to work on developing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PUD and County for transfer of their wastewater system. Both the County and PUD have provided direction to staff and attorneys to move forward with the transfer. A draft MOU should be available in August for Board review.

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

The manager reported that Counsel Scott Broyles continues to work on details of the Port's requested changes to their Water Sales Contract and Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the PUD for the Port of Wilma Water System. The Port is seeking contract fee relief due to Bennett Lumber's current operation stoppage. Counsel is developing an addendum to the current agreements. Draft amendments to both agreements should be available in August for Board review.

NEW BUSINESS

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Interagency Agreement

The manager presented the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) Interlocal Governmental Coordination Agreement. The SRSRB has agreed to provide the PUD and the WRIA 35 Watershed Planning Unit \$34,500 in funding toward the continued integration and coordination of the WRIA 35 watershed and regional salmon recovery plans. The funding is for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. The SRSRB funding will be used for administrative purposes for the Watershed Planning director, Brad Johnson, paying for salaries, benefits and travel to and from meetings.

MOTION by Don Nuxoll, seconded by Judy Ridge approving the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Interlocal Governmental Coordination Agreement and authorizing the General Manager to execute the Agreement. The question was called for on the motion. Passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Well 6 Emergency Repairs – The manager reported that Well No. 6 appears to be operating properly after repairs were made earlier in the month.

8th Street Main Replacement Project – The manager stated the crew has completed replacement of approximately 1,300 feet of 6” steel water main on 8th Street between Highland Avenue and South 10th Street. The main was chlorinated and the water sample taken was deemed satisfactory. Services are currently being tied into the new main with meters being replaced with radio read units.

Solar Project – The manager reported that he contacted a solar system manufacturer called Silicon Energy. They are Washington based and their systems are manufactured in Moses Lake. They are awaiting UL certification and anticipate that production will begin in 2010. The one Avista recently installed on their corporate office in Spokane is the same unit without the UL certification. He stated that he is also waiting on information from Infinia Corp on their solar product.

Bonneville Power Administration Rates – The manager reported that BPA has announced a seven percent (7%) rate increase effective for the fiscal years 2010-2011.

Energy Northwest NuScale Nuclear Study Project – The manager reported that Ferry County PUD has joined Asotin and Kittitas as partners in the ENW NuScale Modular Nuclear Study Project. Skamania PUD is still considering joining in the study.

Scenic Way Pedestrian and Overlay Project – The manager stated that a preconstruction conference will be held on August 5th for the Scenic Way Pedestrian/Bike Path and Street Overlay project. The project will affect a portion of the PUD property and lawn along Scenic Way. The PUD has requested access from its property to Scenic Way and the storage units. The PUD will develop Xeriscape landscaping as a part of the project.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the Stormwater Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21st. Concerns about the cost of the program and the number of full time employees continue to be an issue. Commissioner Hicks suggested starting out at the minimum and phase in over the years. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26th at the Clarkston School District administration building. Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending the Drinking Source Water Committee meeting on Wednesday July 29th and a Watershed Planning Unit meeting on Thursday August 6th.

Commissioner Ridge attended the Energy Northwest meetings July 22nd and 23rd. She reported that Vic Parrish will be retiring in July of 2010 rather than his initial proposal of January 2011. A search committee has been formed to seek his replacement.

Commissioner Hicks attended the PUD Association meetings July 16th and 17th. He stated that Executive Director Steve Johnson will retire in May 2010. A search committee has been formed. The Puget Sound Energy complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission about the Association's involvement and support of PUD electrical election campaigns is ongoing. A mistake on the disclosure form about staff expenses was made and PSE is pushing the issue. At stake is the Associations status as a trade organization. PSE states that the Association is a public entity and should not contribute to campaigns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.