

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2010

Vice President Don Nuxoll 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, Treasurer Bob
Sischo and Counsel Scott Broyles

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda giving approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1727EFT through #1740EFT in the amount of \$22,790.59 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #28188 through #28231, and Electronic Transaction Voucher #10071901, #10072101, #10072701, #20100723, #20100730, #10072801 and #10073001 in the amount of \$109,990.06. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Surplus Property – 2700 Block of Highline Drive

The manager reported that the surplus property on the 2700 Block of Highline Drive was advertised for bid with advertisements running in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and the Moneysaver. He stated that the deadline for receipt of bids on the property was Thursday June 22nd. The manager reported that no bids were received. He asked the Commissioners their preference on sale of the property. The Commissioners directed the manager to leave the “for sale” sign on the property with a price set at \$30,000.00. The Commission stated that they would review offers on the property when they are received.

NEW BUSINESS

US Army Corp of Engineers – Snake River Pump Station Usage Request

The manager reported that the Army Corp of Engineers contacted him on Thursday July 22nd requesting usage of our Snake River Pump Station near Southway Bridge. The Corp would like to utilize the facility for placement of pumping equipment for their irrigation system for Swallows Nest Park. The Corp stated that they are having problems with their

pump in the Swallows marina due to siltation and would like to relocate in an area where silting is not an issue. The Board directed the manager to allow the Corp to review the pump station to see if it is suitable for their plans. The manager stated that if the Corp finds the pump station suitable the issue will be brought back to the Board for final approval which will likely include an intergovernmental agreement.

WRIA 35 Watershed Planning Unit Stream Flow Gauge Monitoring Funding Request

The manager stated that funding for stream flow gauge monitoring under the WRIA 35 Watershed Planning Unit was reduced significantly for the year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The manager stated that the primary reason for the reductions is that the number of gauges to monitor was reduced from 13 to 9. Joe Lemire of Lemire Contracting was offered a contract to continue with the gauge monitoring for the amount provided by the Department of Ecology but he is requesting more per month than the funding provides. The manager stated that the difference is approximately \$827 per month or \$9,100 for the term of the contract. The Planning Unit has stated that they would like to continue with Lemire Contracting if possible. The manager asked if the PUD could assist with funding the difference stream gauge monitoring. Commissioner Hicks stated that he felt the PUD could not fund the difference because it was a gift of public funds to assist with this type of project. Counsel concurred with the position.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Port of Wilma Meeting – The manager reported that Bennett Lumber representative Jan Dimke has agreed to meet with the Board at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 14th. Commissioners from the Port of Whitman County will be in attendance.

Bob Sischo – WFOA Award – The manager and Commissioners congratulated Treasurer Bob Sischo on earning the Washington Finance Officers Association Professional Finance Officers Award for the third year in a row.

Regional Stormwater Program – The manager stated that he calculated what the PUD would pay annually under the Regional Stormwater Program. He stated that based upon the amount of impervious surface on PUD properties calculated against the proposed fee per equivalent residential units which equals 3,700 square feet per ERU, the PUDs cost is estimated at \$410.00 per month or nearly \$5,000.00 annually. Discussion regarding the stormwater program ensued.

GIS Project – The manager reported that Murray Smith and Associates visited the PUD last week and provided the water map conversion from AutoCAD to a GIS format. GIS Coordinator Craig Riehle has updated the GIS maps with the new information. There are many areas of the conversion that will need to be reviewed for accuracy but overall the maps will be very useful. Links to the original maps and scanned documents has been completed. The manager stated that the project should be completed by September.

Clarkston Wastewater Treatment Upgrade – The manager reported that City of Clarkston Public Works Director Jim Martin discussed the possibility of the PUD serving the waste water treatment plant with energy. The manager stated that he would look into making the treatment plant our customer and wheeling power over Avista lines to this facility. The manager stated that this would save the City in operations costs which in turn would save the PUD costs in operation of their system based up the fees associated with treatment of our wastewater at the City’s treatment plant.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge attended an Energy Northwest Board of Director meeting on July 20-22, 2010. She stated that a new CEO has not been hired. She stated that the interim CEO is doing well. It was her opinion that the primary candidate for the CEO position will not accept the contract. Commissioner Ridge attended the Washington PUD Association meeting on July 15-16, 2010.

Commissioner Hicks attended a Washington PUD Association meeting on July 15-16. He stated that the Association reviewed bylaws and committee structures. Commissioner Hicks stated that good progress was made and credited the facilitator for doing a good job in leading the Association to adopt 16 motions providing for reformation of how the Association operates and helping PUDs find common ground on issues. Commissioner Hicks stated that he is disappointed with how long it has taken to hire an executive director. He stated that the next Washington PUD Association meeting is in September.

Commissioner Nuxoll attended a Watershed Planning Unit meeting on Wednesday, July 14th and a Regional Stormwater Program public hearing on Thursday July 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.