

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2018

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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.

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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Don Nuxoll, Greg McCall, and Judy Ridge.

Staff: Treasurer Bob Sischo.

Members of the public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering Electronic Transaction Vouchers #4766EFT – #4782EFT in the amount of \$34,656.79, and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Documents covering Electronic Transaction Vouchers #47 – #54 and vouchers #38450 through #38512 in the amount of \$211,264.31. 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

Commissioner Nuxoll introduced Resolution 18-451 Commissioner Compensation. The Treasurer gave a brief history of Washington Public Utility District Compensation Law (RCW 54.12.080), and reviewed the findings of the report from the Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM). The Treasurer stated that resolution 18-451 officially acknowledges the directive the OFM, which increases PUD Commissioner per diem compensation from \$114 to \$128 per day for meetings and monthly PUD Commissioner salary from \$1650 to \$1854.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to approve Resolution 18-451 setting PUD Commissioner Compensation and Per Diem. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations Activity – The Treasurer reported that water main construction projects on 5th St. and 6th St. are almost completed. Remaining water service tie-overs would be completed this week. Remaining asphalt application will begin on July 5th.

A water main construction project on Adams St, between 4th St and 2nd St. is scheduled to begin on July 9th. 2 dead ends will be removed connecting and looping the water mains on 4th Street and 2nd Street.

The Treasurer reported on a potential water service project on Chestnut St. that would transfer residential water services from an existing 8 inch steel water main on the north side of the street to an existing 12 inch AC water main on the south side of the street. An engineering review verified that the water service transfers were within appropriate specification. Commissioner Nuxoll asked for additional information regarding water quality impacts due to source chlorination and the proximity to residential water services. The Treasurer reported that the proximity of water services to source chlorination at Well No. 1 would be consistent with other source locations within the District and that further review would be completed to verify that the current proposal is the best option before the project proceeds. Additional updates would be provided to the Board prior to initiation of the project.

The lead pigtail removal program continues to make progress. 160 potential lead pigtails have been identified with plans to remove all pigtails replacing the service from the meter to the main. 65 services have been completed to date and only 8 of the services replaced contained a lead pigtail.

Vactor Truck – The Treasurer reported that 2018 Vactor truck would be delivered on Thursday, June 28 with training on operation being provided the day of delivery.

General Manager Update – the Treasurer reported that the General Manager is recovering well following surgery and anticipates his return to regular work duties on July 10, 2018.

Energy Northwest – The Treasurer reported the Energy Northwest CEO Brad Sawatzke has requested time during the regular commission meeting on October 8, 2018 to personally update the board on the current status of Energy Northwest and the Columbia Generating Station.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge attended the Public Power Commission meeting in Portland June 6-7. She reported that the main issue discussed was the continued planning between Energy Northwest (EN) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to improve BPA's debt capacity. During the meeting EN introduced their new Chief Executive Officer, as well as new key staff and corporate structure. Commissioner Ridge briefly commented on the extension of the BPA Biological Opinion regarding the Snake River Dams as well as salmon recovery efforts through sea lion harassment and relocation.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending the Washington PUD Association Water Committee meeting on June 27-28 in Olympia, Washington.

Commissioner McCall reported on the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Annual Conference he attended from June 11th to 14th. He spent time on various educational tracks, as well as attending "first time attender" meetings. Commissioner McCall also spent time investigating various water meter supply companies and the differing types of meter reading technology. He reported that there were no major technological updates anticipated within the industry prior to our scheduled meter replacement project in 2025.

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Commissioner Don Nuxoll reported that he attended the Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Administrative Committee, Executive Committee, and Semi-annual Board meetings on June 6th and 7th. He stated that PURMS will be completing reviews of the Health and Welfare Pool to verify Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance, identify prescription drug management company contract cost savings, as well as plan benefit and cost benchmarking. Commissioner Nuxoll stated that 2018 has been an extremely active year within the Health and Welfare pool, with over \$8 million in claims submitted through May 2018. Commissioner Nuxoll also updated the board on the continuation of major claims within the Liability pool, specifically regarding the impact of the wildfire claims.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.