

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 28, 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. Judy Ridge joined by phone.

Staff: Manager Tim Simpson and Treasurer Bob Sischo.

Members of the public were present

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

**MOTION** by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering Electronic Transaction Vouchers #4834EFT – #4850EFT in the amount of \$35,147.89 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Documents covering Electronic Transaction Vouchers #72 – #74 and vouchers #38686 through #38723 in the amount of \$165,851.81. 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

Resolution 18-454 – Approving Energy Northwest’s Horn Rapids Solar Project

The manager presented Resolution 18-454 which provides for approval of Energy Northwest’s (EN) undertaking of the Horn Rapids Solar Storage and Training Project. Commissioner Ridge recused herself from discussion and voting on the EN Project. EN in collaboration with private and public entities and the Regional Education & Training Center (RETC) is in the development stage of a 4 MWDC photovoltaic solar project coupled with 1 MW/4 MWh Vanadium Flow battery energy storage system to be located on IBEW 77 land leased by the RETC and interconnected with the City of Richland’s distribution system. The City of Richland has agreed to take all of the power output from the project. In addition to providing energy and storage, RETC will provide technical training to battery storage and solar technicians in its classrooms adjacent to the overall project. The estimated cost of EN’s project is \$6,500,000. EN was awarded a Clean Energy Fund 2 grant from the State Department of Commerce for 50 percent of the project costs up to \$3,000,000. State law states that EN shall not “undertake projects or conservation activities in addition to those for which it was formed without the approval of the legislative bodies of a majority of the members thereof.” (RCW 43.52.360)

**MOTION** by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to adopt Resolution 18-454 approving Energy Northwest’s undertaking of the Horn Rapids Solar Storage and Training Project. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations Activity – the manager reported that the crew will began a service line replacement project for the City of Asotin on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in preparation of resurfacing of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Harding Street to the Snake River Road. The City will be paying for all material, labor and equipment costs. To date 26 of the 32 services have been replaced with an estimated completion date of September 4<sup>th</sup>. The thickness of water main was better than anticipated.

New Construction – the manager reported that Tri-State Hospital is expanding Evergreen Estates and staff has been working with Albright Construction with relocation of the current water main. The hospital purchased a new 4-inch service and will be installing a 6-inch fire line in the building. A new valve will be installed Friday to limit future shut down of two buildings on the Tri-State campus. A new Best Western hotel is in the works at 14th and Bridge Streets. Staff has had conversations with the owner and engineering firm about water and wastewater services. The Asotin County Fire District has started phase 1 of their upgrade of the building and property at 2377 Appleside Boulevard. A new sewer line and service will be installed when they tap into the line on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue tomorrow. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase provides for the construction of a new building to house firefighters, trucks and equipment. A seed plant and water bottling company are in the works in the Port. Other projects include a private fire hydrant and backflow device at storage units at 2252 Appleside Blvd, a private fire hydrant and backflow device at the storage units at 1620 13<sup>th</sup> Street and the Walmart Fair Street entrance project fire line relocation.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

There were no reports provided by Commissioners.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner District No. 3 candidate Jan Hicks stated that she has had conversations with senior citizens who state their fixed income doesn't provide the resources to keep their lawns green in the summer. She suggested a lower monthly minimum charge based on their qualification as a senior so they can water their lawns. Commissioners directed research into how many would qualify for this rate.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.