

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2019

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President Judy Ridge 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: Judy Ridge, Greg McCall and Don Nuxoll.

Staff: Tim Simpson and 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 27, 2019 Regular Meeting and payment of Payroll Vouchers #1992 – #1994 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers #5249EFT – #5265EFT in the amount of \$41,342.69 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers #190909, #19090501, #19090502, #19090901 and #19092501 and Accounts Payable Vouchers #39869 – #39921 in the amount of \$155,905.69. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

City of Clarkston Sewer System Operator Agreement

The manager stated that he has not heard from the City regarding the Sewer System Operator Agreement since he was contacted on August 27, 2019 prior to the last Commissioners meeting. During this conversation they stated the state auditors were coming the next week and that the city attorney is researching if there is an issue of a gift of public funds if they do not charge the PUD the 6% water utility tax on water sales to City residents. The manager stated that he addressed the gift of public funds concern with PUD legal counsel, Joe Brogan. Mr. Brogan stated that there is no reported case in Washington State supporting the argument that the failure to impose a tax is a gift of public funds and that the rates paid by customers are adequate consideration for the government service provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 19-468 – Declaring an Emergency for Repair of Well No. 7 Motor

The manager presented Resolution 19-468 which provides for the declaring of an emergency and waiving of the bidding requirements in order to allow for immediate repair or replacement of the Well No. 7 motor due to the current peak water demand season. A change in the sound of the Well No. 7 motor prompted a call to our motor specialist. He listened to the motor briefly and the motor was removed and sent to an authorized US Motor repair shop in the Tri-Cities for evaluation. The manager reported that the motor was disassembled today and evaluated. An upper bearing is out and the upper end bell needs machined. There is a ceramic seal in the top of the motor that also needs machining and replaced. A cost estimate for repair was not provided. It was also discovered that the motor is only a 100% thrust and is undersized for the well similar to what was discovered with the Well No. 3 motor. A new 300% thrust, premium efficient motor would cost \$50,700 installed.

MOTION by Commissioner Don Nuxoll and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to adopt Resolution 19-468 declaring an emergency, waiving bid requirements and authorizing the General Manager to expend funds necessary to provide for the immediate repair or replacement of the Well No. 7 motor. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Change the Tuesday, September 24 Commission Meeting Date to Monday, September 23

The manager requested changing the next Commission meeting date from Tuesday, September 24, 2019 to Monday, September 23, 2019 due to commissioner travel to meetings.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve changing the Tuesday, September 24, 2019 to Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations Activity – the manager reported that the Bridge Street Lift Station Project was completed today with the switching over of controls from the pit to above ground. Staff completed a final walk-through at the Appleside Townhome Development and the contractor has been provided a punch-list of items that need to be resolved prior to final acceptance. The crew completed the replacement of 290 ft of 6" steel water main on 9th Street from Elm to Diagonal Streets with 8" PVC.

Financial Report – the manager reported that through August 31, 2019 total revenue was \$3.58 million and total expenditures were \$3.06 million. Net income through August is approximately \$516,000. He stated the plan for setting aside reserves outlined in our financial plan is on track.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending the Public Utility Risk Management Service (PURMS) Administrative Committee meeting on September 12 in Burien, Washington.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending the Washington PUD Association meetings September 18-20 in Suquamish, Washington.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.