

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2022

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President Greg McCall 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, Clarkston, Washington.
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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Greg McCall, Don Nuxoll and Judy Ridge.
Staff: Bob Sischo.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers #6436EFT – #6451EFT in the amount of \$39,353.36 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers #22070802, #22070803, #22072001, and #22072801 and Accounts Payable Vouchers #43004 – #43036 in the amount of \$158,427.85. 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

There were no items presented under New Business.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations Activity – Due to the lack of bids for relocation of the 12-inch water main at 2621 Ben Johnson Road to 3rd Avenue, a cost estimate in the amount of \$36,000 was provided by the PUD to contractor, Trent Fortney, on July 15, 2022 for the work to be completed by PUD staff. Material for the 200 feet of water main was estimated at \$22,000. There has been no response to the estimate provided. The operations crew have been conducting standard maintenance, with a focus on water main flushing.

Administrative Activity – The 2021 Fiscal Year Audit is complete and has been reviewed by the audit manager. An exit conference will likely be held in early to mid-August. Staff met with the contractor regarding office building repairs needed due to the vehicle collision earlier in the year. Work is scheduled to begin the week of August 8th. The new GIS Technician, Brad Moore, will begin work on Monday, August 1.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended the Washington PUD Association meetings in Wenatchee, Washington, July 13-15. The commissioner education and roundtable meetings focused on PUD budgeting processes used by various Districts throughout the state, as well as grant application techniques, debt service standards and bond ratings. Supply chain shortages and inflation continue to impact PUD operations across the state, and Districts are now having to adjust operations due to these issues. He reported that there are still funding opportunities through state agencies for COVID related allocations. The declaration of emergency for the statewide drought has been discontinued. Commissioner McCall also commented on the continued focus at the State Department of Ecology on “Policy 2030” and the use and

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allocation of water rights throughout the state. Reports on the economic outlook throughout the state were provided to commissioners, and included information on national population shifts impacting the Pacific Northwest.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended a meeting for Energy Northwest (EN) and participate in discussion regarding Bonneville Power Administration and the need for \$35 million in upgrades to the Columbia Generating Station in Richland, which will increase the productivity of operations.

Commissioner McCall will be attending regular EN Board meetings in Richland, July 27-28.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.