

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 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: Tim Simpson and 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 September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 6502EFT – 6518EFT in the amount of \$40,069.99 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers 22092001, 22092002 and 22092801 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 43171 – 43194 in the amount of \$106,162.56. 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 – The operations crew completed work on the relocation of the 12-inch water main at 2621 Ben Johnson Road to 3rd Avenue tying in the main after receiving a satisfactory water sample. The operations crew is currently working on meter lid change outs and other maintenance projects. A customer on 18th Street bought a house with an undisclosed failed septic system. The previous owner will pay for a STEP system and installation of approximately 450 feet of 4-inch pressurized sewer line crossing 6th Avenue and connecting to the sewer main on 18th Street. The line has been engineered to PUD standards and will come under PUD ownership after inspection and acceptance.

Development Activity – Installation of the sewer laterals for each lot of the Bennett Hill Subdivision has been completed. Pressure testing, flushing and video inspection of the sewer line is currently underway. Installation of the water main may be delayed due to Knife River moving staff to another project. The Swanson’s Recreational Vehicle Park located at 2534 Appleside Boulevard was approved by the County Commissioners. The requirements from the PUD, regarding water and sewer connections, were accepted as part of the approval by the County Commissioners.

Administrative Activity – The office building repair was completed on Thursday, September 15.

Capital Improvement Activity – As the second phase of the replacement of the waterline to serve the development at Marina View Drive, completed in 2021, the crew will be replacing 500 feet of 4-inch steel line with 6-inch PVC. The line extends from Marina View east down to the state highway. Three customer service lines will be rebuilt and tied to the new main. The project will start mid-October. The Rivers Bend Booster Pump Station design is 90% complete. Staff will meet Thursday to discuss the project design. Final design will be completed upon receipt of the state Department of Health’s review.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners Ridge and McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings September 14-16. Commissioners reported that discussion in several venues focused on the upcoming state and federal elections and the upcoming legislative session. It was stated that new legislators would need to be met and briefed on issues important to WPUDA. Discussion also focused on the Foster Task Force report regarding water rights, culvert replacement and wildfire issues and costs. A guest speaker discussed the supply chain issues and the struggle to access raw materials and get them to production locations. Staff shortages have also compounded the supply chain and issues will continue well into 2023. Energy Northwest staff in attendance reported that the Bonneville Power Administration had a good water flow and sales year. The WPUDA Executive Director stated that he has been visiting each PUD and is about half the way through the state. He stated that the legislative process is broken and that too much authority has been given to regulators and they have been difficult to deal with. This issue will be addressed with legislators for the upcoming session. He addressed infrastructure funding, community outreach and the need to increase the WPUDA office building fund to address maintenance needs.

Commissioners Ridge and McCall attended the Washington PUD Association Water Workshop on September 21-23 in Spokane, Washington. They reported on the various sessions attended discussing customer service, water conservation, water resource mitigation, emerging drinking water issues, Washington State Department of Transportation culvert replacement projects, the Foster Task Force report and water rights adjudications. Washington State has been characterized as having the most complex and difficult water rights law and processes in the nation. The State Departments of Health and Ecology spoke regarding new regulations and rules and emerging issues.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend a Public Power Council meeting on October 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.