

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2023

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

ENERGY NORTHWEST CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOB SCHUETZ

CEO, Bob Schuetz, visited the PUD Board of Commissioners meeting and presented an overview and update of activities at Energy Northwest highlighting nuclear power and other generation assets.

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 April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 6767EFT – 6792EFT in the amount of \$61,119.69 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers 23040701, 23040702, 23041102, 23041103, 23041104, 23042001, 23042002, 23042003 and 23042501 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 43774 – 43829 in the amount of \$193,192.71. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payroll Vouchers 6741EFT – 6766EFT were voided)

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items presented under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items presented under New Business.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Capital Improvement Activity – The crew completed installation of the water main on 14th Street from Poplar to Elm Streets. The main was pressure tested, chlorinated and flushed and a satisfactory water sample was obtained. The new main was tied-over and customer service lines are being connected.

Development Activity – Curry Construction completed installation of the pressurized sewer line to Jeff Port’s property on Appleside Boulevard to properties northeast of 3rd Avenue.

Administrative Activity – Craig Heimgartner was selected as Utility Crew Leader from three applicants. Revenue through March 31 was \$1.190 million and expenses are \$1.330 million.

City Sewer System Activity – The manager discussed maps provided which showed the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) layout and the proposed sewer collection system replacement projects. The Blower-Sludge Pump Building flood concerns was discussed. WWTP employees were provided a demonstration of CareFree SCADA prior to initiating the upgrade. The first billing of City sewer accounts will occur this Friday, April 28. The manager presented several sewer accounts that required discussion due to a conflict in their user classification. Director Sischo met with the City Clerk to review accounting of city reserve funds. Everything was in order and reserve funds will be provided next week in accordance with the City Sewer System Operator Agreement.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll attended a virtual Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Executive Committee meeting on Friday, April 14 with Director Bob Sischo. He stated that discussion continued regarding the sale of Pacific Underwriters and administration of PURMS transferring to the new owners.

Commissioners Ridge and McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings April 12-14. Commissioner Ridge reported that the Energy Committee elected a new chair and co-chair. Discussion focused on another legislatively directed Lower Snake River Dam Study and legislation for next year's session. The new law that prevents the shut-off for water and electric utilities for nonpayment when extreme heat is forecasted was discussed. The committee heard from a National Weather Service representative regarding the number of forecast offices in the nation and what constitutes an extreme heat warning. Commissioner McCall reported that the Water Committee also discussed the heat shut-off moratorium, along with other legislation, and heard from the Executive Director of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts. He reported that at the Board meeting WPUDA officers were elected and successes and failures during the legislative session were discussed. Commissioner McCall reported that on Monday, April 24, WPUDA Executive Director, George Caan announced his retirement effective at the end of 2023.

Commissioner McCall will be attending Energy Northwest Board meetings April 26-27.

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending a virtual PURMS Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26 with Director Bob Sischo.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.