

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 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.

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 May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 6819EFT – 6844EFT in the amount of \$65,428.68 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers 23050801, 23050802, 23051901, 23051902 and 23051903 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 43912 – 43961 in the amount of \$137,255.58. 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

Avista Corporation Service Territory Agreement

The manager presented a Service Territory Agreement with the Avista Corporation. He stated that the Agreement is the result of efforts between the PUD, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Avista to transfer the energy load of the City of Clarkston Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) from Avista to the PUD under its contract with BPA. Initially Avista stated that the transfer could occur but after investigation on their part, and due to the fact that we do not own the WWTP, transferring the energy load would make us a competitor and create complications with state law and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). While working through the issues, it was decided by both parties that the best step forward would be a no compete agreement which would provide for the transfer of the energy service load immediately while allowing time for an ownership transfer of the City Sewer System to the PUD.

The manager reported that one of the provisions in the Agreement states that the PUD cannot add electric customers. He stated that this is not problematic due to the fact that we do not own electric infrastructure beyond the distribution line that serves the Quail Ridge Golf Course. In addition, the Agreement, and these provisions, do not prevent the PUD from adding other loads in the future for facilities that come under PUD ownership. After both parties execute the Agreement, the WUTC will have to provide final approval before service transfers to the PUD. In addition, once the Agreement is approved, Exhibit 1A and 1B of the Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement with BPA, as well as Exhibit A of the Interconnection and Operating Agreement with Avista will have to be revised adding the WWTP as a service location and identifying the Agreement adding it as an addendum to both Agreements. PUD counsel has reviewed the Agreement and approved of its terms.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve the Service Territory Agreement with Avista Corporation and authorizing the General Manager to execute the Agreement. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Capital Improvement Activity – Paving for the 14th Street water main replacement project, from Poplar to Elm Streets, has been completed. The crew continues work on the replacement of 2,650 steel water main on 11th Street from Chestnut to Highland Street. The main was completed from Chestnut to Libby and the main was chlorinated, pressure tested and a satisfactory sample was obtained. Customer service lines are being tied over to the new main before starting installation of the main from Libby to Highland.

Administrative Activity – The manager reported that financial statements for Fiscal Year 2022 have been completed and submitted to the State Auditor's Office.

City Sewer System Activity – The manager reported that the WWTP Step Screen has been repaired and is operating properly. The SCADA System upgrade project kicked off last week. Geotech Engineering was completed on the locations where pipe-bursting will occur for the sewer main replacement project. Project design is 30% complete. A City Sewer System Operation Newsletter will be inserted with the PUD city customer billing statements on Monday, May 29th. WWTP Staff will be participating in a Public Works Expo on Thursday, May 25 in Lewiston. They will be demonstrating the camera truck.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll attended a virtual Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 11 with Director Bob Sischo. He reported that discussion continued regarding the sale of Pacific Underwriters and the transfer of the administration of PURMS to the new owners. A letter, signed by him, was sent to PURMS members notifying them of the sale.

Commissioner McCall attended a Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce townhall meeting on Tuesday, May 16, titled "Washington in the Making 2040", led by the Association of Washington Business Institute and the Washington Roundtable. He reported that the group discussed the challenges to businesses due to rising costs, workforce availability, housing, infrastructure and state regulations.

Commissioner Nuxoll will attend a virtual PURMS Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25 and will attend a PURMS semi-annual meetings being held Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend a Public Power Council meeting Thursday, June 8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.