

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 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 and Greg McCall. Judy Ridge by phone.  
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 April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2139 – 2141 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 6793EFT – 6818EFT in the amount of \$64,276.36 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers 23050501, 23050502, 23050503 and 23051601 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 43830 – 43911 in the amount of \$782,623.68. 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

Capital Improvement Activity – The operations crew completed the connection of customer service lines to the new water main on 14th Street from Poplar to Elm Streets. Paving of the project will be completed next week. The crew began work yesterday on the replacement of 2,650 of steel water main on 11th Street from Chestnut to Highland Streets. The manager presented design documents on the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Bridge, Diagonal and 2nd Streets. Two water meters will need to be relocated and will be rebuilt at that time. The contractor will also be relocating a fire hydrant on the northwest corner. Bids were opened last week and were much higher than the engineer’s estimate.

Administrative Activity – The manager presented membership information about the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts. He also presented information regarding local inventor Ted Carton’s proposed energy production invention.

City Sewer System Activity – The manager reported that the WWTP Step Screen is scheduled to be repaired repair on Tuesday, May 16. The PUD and WWTP flow meters received their annual calibration last week. Discussion regarding the transfer of WWTP energy services to the PUD energy contract with the Bonneville Power Administration is ongoing. Avista’s executive team drafted language that they are working through that they hope will address any issues or concerns with PUD taking the energy load. WWTP Staff will be participating in the Public Works Expo on Thursday, May 25 in Lewiston. They will be demonstrating the sewer camera truck. The first billing of city sewer accounts occurred Friday, April 28. Per the City Sewer System Operations Contract, sewer reserve funds were provided to the PUD. After transfer of year-to-date city sewer system expenses, the remaining reserve funds will be deposited with the state Local Government Investment Pool and used for sewer system improvements.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended Energy Northwest Board meetings April 26-27. He reported that the Northwest Power and Conservation Council attended the meetings and presented their 20-Year Northwest Power Plan. The Bonneville Power Administration discussed infrastructure and the process of moving energy from generation to the end customer. The Chief Executive Officer discussed the Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant refueling outage. The outage, which began Friday, May 5, is scheduled to last 35 days and will employ an additional 1,250 workers. Maintenance on the plant will occur during the outage. The CEO reported that small scale nuclear power project development is the most viable new energy development option. He stated that the federal government is very interested in the development of new nuclear and is investing assets to ensure its development. He stated that development regulations need to change to allow more efficient siting of new nuclear projects. The CEO reported that electric vehicle charging stations are in the process of being deployed along White Pass on U.S. Route 12. He also reported that Northwest Open Access Network (NOANet) is having financial difficulties due to the cost of approved retirement plans.

Commissioner Nuxoll attended a virtual Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26 with Director Bob Sischo. He reported that discussion continued with PURMS legal counsel regarding the sale of Pacific Underwriters to another firm and the transfer of the administration PURMS to the new owners. Representatives of the new firm will join the Committee at a meeting later in the month to discuss the transition and PURMS administration.

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending a virtual PURMS Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 11 with Director Bob Sischo.

Commissioner McCall will be attending 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.