PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2023

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.

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 October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2158 – 2163 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7103EFT – 7127EFT in the amount of \$70,804.05 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 23110301, 23110302, 23110303, 23110304, 23110601, 23110701, 23110702, 23111301 and 23112701 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 44525 – 44609 in the amount of \$477,624.53. 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

Award Bid for Well No. 1 Motor

The manager stated that bids were requested from vendors on our Vendor Roster for a 480 Volt, 500 horsepower motor for Well No. 1. A backup motor for Well No. 1 does not exist as it does at the three other major water production wells; Wells No. 3, 6 and 7 and it would be prudent to have one. He stated that the budgeted amount for the Well 1 rehabilitation is \$175,000 and the awarded bid was approximately \$143,000 leaving about \$30,000 for a new motor. \$25,000 will be designated in the 2024 Budget for this project to cover the additional cost of the motor, installation and any potential contingencies. The bid results from responsive vendors, with sales tax included, are as follows: Dykman - \$42,709.68, Specialty Pump Services - \$44,280.00 and Pump Tech - \$53,460.00. The manager recommended awarding the Well No. 1 Motor bid to Dykman , in the amount of at \$42,709.68.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to award the bid for the Well No. 1 Motor to Dykman in the amount of at \$42,709.68. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

<u>Development Activity</u> – The water main and customer service lines for the Zenner Addition on Clemans Road have been installed. The main passed pressure testing, a satisfactory water sample was obtained and the line was tied into the PUD system on Wednesday, November 8. Installation of a 2-inch pressurized sewer main on Hallgren Drive has been completed. The design for the proposed 16-lot Folsom Development off of Chukar Lane has been received and is under review.

<u>Administrative Activity</u> – Director Sischo has a meeting with the Audit Manager on Thursday, November 16 to discuss the 2022 Audit. A hearing on the PUDs application for an Asotin County Franchise Agreement is scheduled for the County Commissioners meeting on Monday, November 27. Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023 Page 2

<u>City Sewer System Activity</u> – Work on electrical items identified in the operational assessment continue to be completed. The design plans for the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funded sewer collection system main replacement projects was submitted to the Department of Ecology for their review.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge attended a Public Power Council Annual meeting and Northwest RiverPartners Annual Member's meeting November 1-2 in Portland, Oregon. She reported Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers was a guest speaker and stated that she will continue to protect the dams. The group heard from a Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner regarding public power's responsibility to provide reliable, low-cost power to its customers. She reported that Clearwater Power Company's General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Dave Hagen has announced his retirement for next year.

Commissioner McCall attended an Energy Northwest (EN) Board meeting and Member Forum October 25-27 in Richland, Washington. He reported that the Bonneville Power Administration stated that the water year was 76% of average. Staff at EN reported on vandalism of wind turbines and that electric vehicle charging stations continue to be built out utilizing federal funding. The state goal is to have 3 million charging stations. Investment continues into new small modular nuclear power reactors with EN focusing their efforts with X-Energy. Staff spoke regarding issues with available power and the need for transmission investment for the reliable supply of energy. Workforce development and the rise in employment in utility and trade careers was also a topic of discussion.

Commissioner Nuxoll virtually attended a Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Operations Committee meeting on Thursday, October 26 and the Semi-Annual Board meeting on November 1-2. He reported that transition of PURMS administration to the new owners of Pacific Underwriters is complete and going well. He discussed the hiring of a lobbyist to follow fire legislation due to the heightened focus with the many wildfires experienced. Fire coverage is a concern and will continue to be addressed with Aegis and other carriers. Semi-annul meetings next year will be consolidated into one week. He reported that Director Sischo was appointed Auditor of PURMS and that he will continue as PURMS Board President for another year.

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending Washington Public Utility District Association meetings November 15-17.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.