

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2024

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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: Bob Sischo.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2184–2186 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7456EFT–7481EFT in the amount of \$81,833.04 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers 24060501–24060503, 24061101 and 24061701–24061704 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 45335 – 45407 in the amount of \$311,633.37. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items presented under Old or New Business.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Administrative Activity – The 2023 Audit concluded last week and is currently being reviewed by audit supervisors. Audited financials should be ready by the end of June or early July.

Development Activity – Staff met with a developer on Thursday, May 30 to discuss the proposed Clarksvie Estates development near Quailridge Golf Course. Consor Engineers will be developing a technical memorandum on the feasibility of providing water to the proposed development. The 4-inch water meter for the Asotin County Justice Center has been installed.

City Sewer System Activity – Staff continue to work on maintenance items at the Wastewater Treat Plant (WWTP).

City Sewer System Main Replacement Project – The Cured-In-Place Piping contractor began work Tuesday, May 28 and completed the project early on the morning of Friday, May 31. Debco stated they are scheduled to start the final sewer main replacement project on University Street on Monday, June 17.

City Sewer System Transfer – Director Sischo, the manager and Commissioner McCall met with Northwest Municipal Advisors (NWMA), Underwriter DA Davidson and Bond Counsel on Friday, May 31, to review an updated draft Preliminary Official Statement (POS) and a draft Bond Resolution. The next step in the bond financing process, is to notify the rating agency and request an analyst. Additional review an updated draft POS and draft Bond Resolution will be conducted in the next two weeks.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) semi-annual meetings June 5-6 in Burien, Washington. He reported the most pressing issue with PURMS continues to be the cost of wildfire coverage. Commissioner Nuxoll stated the current coverage levels for wildfire

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have reduced from \$100 million to \$60 million. The PURMS Administrator continues to work with AEGIS and EIM, the industry mutuals who provide wildfire coverage to PURMS, to find ways to continue historical levels of coverage in affordable ways. One option that has been identified is to create a stand-alone wildfire liability risk pool and include membership in the pool from PUDs throughout the state that are not currently members of PURMS. Commissioner Nuxoll also stated that the average cost per employee for health care coverage has increased, and the increase is likely due to the additional staff that has been added as a part of the contract operation of City of Clarkston WWTP and sewer collection system.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended a Public Power Council (PPC) meeting Thursday, June 6. She reported that the PPC trip to Washington DC was reported as a success. Many federally elected officials were contacted regarding the state of public power in the Pacific Northwest. She also reported that there has been little or no action within the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court on the PPC lawsuit against the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regarding the Columbia River System Operations. Commissioner Ridge stated that PPC is agreeable to mediation with BPA regarding the lawsuit. PPC staff have begun the implementation phase for developing products, rates and contracts following the release of the Provider of Choice Policy and associated Record of Decision for BPAs Post-2028 process. PPC discussed the next steps and guidance for issues found with the BPA Residential Exchange Program.

ADJOURNMENT

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