

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 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: Tim Simpson and 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 September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7639EFT–7665EFT in the amount of \$70,804.17 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 2409204, 24090502, 24092001–24092003 and 24092501 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 45747–45822 in the amount of \$187,555.20. 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 Well No. 7 Onsite Chlorine Generation System Bid

The manager stated that bids were solicited for an Onsite Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) Generating System for Well No. 7 utilizing the new Small Works Roster. The current system, installed in 2002 and upgraded in 2008, has reached the end of its useful life and the generating components in the system are no longer supported by the manufacturer. Several of the components will continue to be used, such as, the chlorine tank, dosing pump and salt bin. One bid was received from the two contractors that showed interest in the bid request; Filtration Technology, Inc., ClorTec System– \$150,289.80 and Copper Mechanical – No Bid. Sales tax is included in the total price and the bid includes installation, training and startup. The 2024 Capital Improvement Budget identified \$150,000 for replacement of the chlorine generation system. The manager recommended awarding the bid for the Well No. 7 Onsite Chlorine Generating System to Filtration Technology, Inc.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to award the bid for the Well No. 7 Onsite Chlorine Generation System to Filtration Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$150,289.80. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 24-539 – Declaring an Emergency for Repair of Well No. 7

The manager presented Resolution 24-539 which provides for the declaring of an emergency and waiving of the bidding requirements in order to allow for immediate repair and replacement of components for Well No. 7 due to a failure in operation. On Saturday, September 21, on call personnel were alerted to a pump failure at Well No. 7. The Operations Superintendent was contacted and he and the personnel attempted to restart the well with no success. On Monday, September 23, an electrician was contacted to determine if the failed start was due to the motor starter or other electrical issues.

The starter was determined to be operational and the focus was then turned to the motor and well components. The motor was tested operational but the shaft would not spin indicating an issue with or binding of the components in the well. The motor and the well components will need to be pulled to determine the primary issue. The manager stated that Well No. 7 is the backup emergency well and the peak pumping season is ongoing and the well needs to be made operational as soon as possible.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to adopt Resolution 24-539 declaring an emergency, waiving bid requirements and authorizing the General Manager to expend funds necessary to provide for the immediate repair of Well No. 7 and replacement of necessary components. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative Activity – The US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) has provided an amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Plant property easement changing the grantee from the City of Clarkston to the PUD. The amendment has been executed by the PUD and is awaiting final signatures from USACE. Director Sischo discussed the effort by PURMS to create a wildfire insurance pool.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings Thursday and Friday, September 19-20. At the Energy Committee meeting reports were provided regarding progress on the Columbia River Treaty, the Northwest Power Conservation Council's five-year power plan, state energy assistance funding, Avista Utilities efforts regarding a utility-funded wildfire insurance pool, the 2025 legislative session priorities and the 40% legislator turnover. At the Board meeting staffing changes were discussed along with WPUDA building issues, BPA's finances and 2025 market decision and Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station performance and planned 2025 refueling outage. Commissioner Ridge reported that she was selected to the WPUDA 2025 Budget Committee.

Commissioner McCall will be attending the WPUDA Water Workshop in Spokane, September 25-27.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending the Public Power Council meeting Thursday, October 3.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.