

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 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 and Greg McCall. Judy Ridge by phone.
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 24, 2024 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2197–2199 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7666EFT–7692EFT in the amount of \$79,841.41 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 24091601–24091603, 24100201, 24100401, 24100701–24100705 and 24101401 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 45823–45896 in the amount of \$413,142.79. 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

Water System Activity – The emergency repair for Well No. 7 is underway. Specialty Pump began pulling the well yesterday and will complete the work tomorrow. Videoing of the well will be completed next week. They have pulled 530 feet of column and shaft and the cause of the failure has not been discovered.

Sewer System Activity – The US Army Corp of Engineers provided a final signed copy of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) property easement transferring the grantee from the City of Clarkston (City) to the PUD. The City has discovered additional sewer reserves that will be transferred to the PUD next week. Repairs on the WWTP Screw Press will be completed tomorrow. Customer laterals on Ash Street were videoed as a part of the design for future sewer projects. The sewer main on this street will be relocated on the north side of the street. Videoing of the sewer collection system for the Comprehensive Sewer Plan has begun and has already resulted in the need for a point repair. Additional point repairs will become necessary as videoing progresses.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended the Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) Water Workshop in Spokane, September 25-27. He reported that topics discussed at the sessions attended included emerging drinking water and water resource issues, PFAS regulations and mitigation, lead and copper rules, water rights, cybersecurity, water conservation and growth planning. At the Commissioner’s Roundtable session, the group discussed the need to communicate to customers the value of water. Ideas were shared on how this can be accomplished through newsletters, websites and billing statements. He reported that Director Sischo was a panelist on a customer service session.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting Thursday, October 3. She reported that the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory shared objectives for the recently announced Pacific Northwest Regional Energy Planning Project, which is an energy “replacement” study that addresses commitments made in the US Government’s agreement with six sovereign parties in which they propose the breaching of the Lower Snake River Dams. The group discussed concerns with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) having adequate energy supply with the provider of choice decision deadline in March of 2025. The group also discussed Western Markets, BPA Post-2028 guidance and BPA rate proceedings. The Columbia River Treaty was also discussed along with the Mid-Columbia public utility districts suing BPA over concerns with the treaty. PPC will be holding their annual meeting in November where candidates for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee will be elected.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending a WPUA Budget Committee meeting on October 17.

ADJOURNMENT

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