

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 28, 2025

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President Judy Ridge 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: Judy Ridge, Greg McCall and Don Nuxoll.

Staff: Tim Simpson and Bob Sischo.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

**MOTION** by Commissioner Don Nuxoll and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7891EFT–7917EFT in the amount of \$73,973.44 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 25011501, 25011502, 25011701, 25011702, 25012201–25012203 and 25010303 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 46270–46322 in the amount of \$175,094.98. 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 Automated Meter Reading Upgrade Project Meter Lids

The manager presented bids for radio read unit (MXU) compatible meter lids for the Automated Meter Reading Project. The bids received are for Phase 4 of the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System Upgrade Project, representing the final remaining meter lid replacements. These lids allow for the moving of the MXU out of the meter pit and attaching it to the compatible lid providing better reading ability for the meter reading unit. He stated that several different types of lids are utilized depending on the application. Bids for 1,570 MXU compatible meter lids were requested from multiple vendors using our Vendor Roster. Three vendors responded with bids; Core & Main – \$86,921.39, HD Fowler Company – \$89,824.83 and Ferguson Waterworks – \$86,204.67. After tabulation of the bids, Ferguson Waterworks was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder for the MXU compatible meter lids.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to award the bid for the Automated Meter Reading Upgrade Project Meter Lids to Ferguson Waterworks, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$86,204.67. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Water System Activity – The Well 7 onsite chlorine generator installation was rescheduled to Wednesday, February 5. Installation of the column, shaft and pump for Well No. 7 is scheduled for the following week.

Sewer System Activity – The 95% complete design plans, for six collection system main replacement projects, were received yesterday. The engineer’s estimated cost of these projects is \$2.361 million. These design plans do not include the proposed sewer main project between 6th and 7th Streets which is still under design and will cost over \$1.0 million to complete.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings January 15-18. Commissioner McCall reported that at various meetings attended the 2025 legislative session was discussed and the group heard from new legislators and new state department directors. The Public Works Board funds were discussed and concerns were expressed regarding the taking of funds to offset the large projected deficit in the state budget. The state wants to add broadband project funding to the Public Works Board which WPUDA opposes. The group discussed the state of California decision to reverse the emissions standards and the affect it will have on Washington State. The February legislative reception was discussed.

Commissioner Ridge reported on the Energy Committee discussions. She stated that the group discussed the talking points for the February Washington DC congressional rally. One point is to highlight to congress the importance that the Bonneville Power Administration be given full authority to make a market preference decision that is most beneficial to Northwest customers. The group discussed the projected 30% growth in energy demand over the next decade and how to meet the demand. Grid reliability is a top priority of WPUDA and Northwest utilities. Low-income assistance and wildfire insurance were also discussed.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Energy Northwest (EN) Board meeting Wednesday, January 22. He reported that Dave McKenzie was elected to the Executive Board. The Board heard from Energy Services, discussed ongoing small scale nuclear development, discussed the deployment of charging stations and the charging station fire and the location of a uranium enrichment facility in Richland which will be beneficial to EN.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Section I/II meeting Thursday, January 23. He reported that the new Executive Director introduced himself and spoke to the group. The group discussed the new legislative session and heard a presentation regarding the Cascade Water Alliance.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend the Public Power Council meeting on Thursday, February 6.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.