PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2025

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.

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 February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7944EFT–7972EFT in the amount of \$72,110.81 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 25022201, 25022001–25022004 and 25022502 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 46388–46448 in the amount of \$589,178.06. 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

Administrative Activity – At their meeting on Wednesday, February 12, the Port of Clarkston Commission provided their consent to the sale and transfer of Tract B to the PUD. The City of Clarkston Mayor, Monica Lawrence, signed a quit claim deed for the property transfer and the documents were recorded on Thursday, February 13 completing the property transaction. The Operations Superintendent met with a fencing contractor yesterday to discuss the relocation of fencing to encompass the entire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) property.

<u>Water System Activity</u> – The operations crew began preparation work for the 2025 water main replacement projects on Hillyard Drive, 20th Avenue, Crestview Drive, Bridger Lane, Linden Street, Willow Street, and Steel Lane. The projects will replace 5,875 feet of steel water main and update over 90 customer services lines. Installation of the new water main will begin tomorrow on Hillyard Drive. Due to the inclement weather, the installation of the components for Well 7 was postponed and rescheduled for the week of March 10.

<u>Sewer System Activity</u> – Backup motors and repair kits have proven to be beneficial. The WWTP replaced an older motor on the screw press that had burned out. WWTP Staff continue to video the sewer collection system and are preparing for the removal of the old emergency generator. Sewer main replacement project design for six projects is near completion. Data collection for the sewer main replacement project between 6th and 7th Streets is near the 60% completion mark. The Department of Ecology notified the PUD that a 4th priority pollutants test will need to be completed during the current permit period for the upcoming National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal. The 4th test is related to how the testing requirements on the next permit will be determined. Ecology stated that the new NPDES permit should be delivered by year end.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings February 12-14. Commissioner McCall reported that he attended several committee meetings over the three-day period. At the New Commissioner Orientation, the group received training on the Open Public Meetings Act, discussed their roles as commissioners and learned how to work with general managers. At the Water Committee meeting the group discussed the strategic plan, the acquisition of failing systems, culvert relocation notification and funding, the Public Works Board funding and US House Resolution H.R. 1267 requiring polluters to pay for PFAS contamination. The group also discussed the current state legislative session and proposed legislation affecting PUDs including House Bill 5627 regarding changes to the dig law. At the Board meeting the group discussed the PUD "Day on the Hill" with legislators, the proposed state budget shortfall, the federal budget and the WPUDA Annual Meeting scheduled for April.

Commissioner Ridge reported that she attended the Energy Committee and Board meetings. At the Energy Committee meeting the discussion focused on current state legislation affecting PUDs. The group heard a presentation from Energy Northwest regarding the Columbia Generating Station's current production run of 600 days and the refueling outage that will begin in May and run longer than usual. At the Board meeting the group heard from US House Representative Michael Baumgartner about federal issues and from the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the Trump Administration's required federal workforce reductions and retirements that will severely affect their agency. The Board also heard about the WPUDA building issues and a building needs assessment that will be conducted.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending the Public Power Council meeting on March 6.

ADJOURNMENT

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