PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON MEETING MINUTES March 11, 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 Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2216–2218 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 7972EFT–8000EFT in the amount of \$76,473.21 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 25022601–2502603, 25022701, 25030401, 25030501, 25030601–25030603, 25031701 and 25032501 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 46449–46514 in the amount of \$366,672.08. 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 – As a part of our Water Use Efficiency program, 500 Water Savings Kits were ordered and were shipped today. The kits will be available for pickup by customers in the PUD office lobby. Three bids were received for the fencing of the property around the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The bids will be evaluated and presented to the Board at the next regular meeting. Staff are currently reviewing the purchase of a new or used dump truck to replace a 2006 model that has reached the end of its useful life. Adequate funds have been set aside in the Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of a dump truck. The Washington State Auditor's Office concluded the PUDs Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Performance Audit. They stated that our audit showed exemplary results.

<u>Water System Activity</u> – The operations crew has installed 1,600 feet of new water main on Hillyard Drive, and Bridger Lane. The main has been pressure tested, chlorinated and flushed and a sample was taken today. Services will be tied over to the new main upon receipt of a satisfactory water quality sample. The installation of the components for Well 7 began today and the well will be operational by Thursday.

<u>Sewer System Activity</u> – Trojan Ultra Violet (UV) Technologies visited the WWTP last week to evaluate the UV disinfection system. The component that cleans the bulbs will need to be replaced along with a sensor at a cost of \$15,000. The component life of the WWTP UV system ranges from 10 to 20 years and this is the 13th year of operation. Plans are being made to upgrade the system over the course of a two-year period with an estimated cost of \$160,000. WWTP Staff have changed the operation of the UV disinfection system doubling the life of the bulbs while still meeting the discharge testing requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, March 6. She reported that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) announced their preliminary decision to select the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Markets+ option over the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM). PPC supported the decision stating that the selected market best serves the interests of Northwest ratepayers including those communities served by public power. BPA's final decision is expected in May. BPA provided a status update on staffing issues and the Administration's workforce reductions that occurred in February. Many of the probationary employees have been hired back due to a reversal in the reduction. Those who chose retirement will not be coming back. PPC reported that public power and BPA have reached a settlement on power rate issues in the BP-26 proceeding. The settlement includes a maximum Tier 1 average non-slice rate increase of 8.3% compared to 9.8% in BPA's initial proposal. This represents a \$30 million per year reduction in Tier 1 rates for public power in the BP-26 rate period. PPC Staff provided an update on the Columbia River Treaty reporting that State Department officials stated that Treaty negotiations will be on pause for the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending Washington PUD Association meetings March 19-21.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.