

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.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

Administrative Activity – The 2006 Dump Truck sold on the public auction website for \$21,500. The manager and staff met with the Department of Health (DOH) on Thursday, April 10 to review their comments on the PUDs Water System Plan Update (WSP). DOH is requesting the addition of 2 years of data to the WSP and extending the WSP to 2031. The manager is in discussions with Consor Engineers regarding the extension of the WSP to a 10-year plan. Based on the timeline and the fact that a new update would have to begin in 2029, he stated that a WSP extension to 10 years could save the PUD approximately \$200,000 in fees. The Board directed the manager to extend the WSP update to 10 years.

Water System Activity – The new water main on 20th Avenue, Linden Street and Willow Street was pressure tested, chlorinated flushed and sampled. The water quality sample was satisfactory and customer services lines are being tied over to the new main. The operations crew will complete the update and tie-over of customer service lines tomorrow.

Sewer System Activity – Neuros conducted a site visit last week and completed work on the aeration basin blowers replacing the vibration sensors on one blower, one harmonic capacitor and one VFD. Wastewater Treatment Plant staff are approximately 2 weeks away from 100% completion of videoing of the sewer collection system located in the Clarkston city limits. The pressure sewer main installation for Abundant Life is tentatively scheduled for this week.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended an Energy Northwest (EN) meeting on Thursday, April 17. He reported that the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) has been taken offline and the refueling outage has begun. The refueling outage will also include upgrades in order increase the plants energy generation. Staff reported that EN sent a letter to the Bonneville Power Administration supporting their planned transmission system upgrades. The group discussed the passing of the State of Washington nuclear proviso and their hopes that funding would be received. The group discussed the impacts of new state taxes and federal tariffs on the cost of products and the effect on utility budgets. Staff reported that CGS passed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s last inspection. Staff reported that wind production has decreased and that efforts are being made to develop geothermal energy production. The development of small-scale nuclear generation is moving forward quickly with Amazon’s energy output interest. A conditional use plan is under development, and once approved, the final plan for energy production and output will be presented to each member utilities elected officials for consideration and approval. Staff stated this project presents no financial risk to public power. Amazon and EN are currently the only participants for receipt of the energy output but other entities can join prior to final approval.

Commissioner McCall will be attending the Washington PUD Association Annual Conference April 22-25 in Ridgefield, Washington.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend a Public Power Council meeting on Thursday, May 8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.