

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 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 May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2226–2228 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8136EFT–8161EFT in the amount of \$77,204.34 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 25052801–25052804, 25052901, 25060501–25060503, 25060601, 25060602, 25061701 and 25062501 and Accounts Payable Vouchers 46837–46931 in the amount of \$1,121,296.28. 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 2025 Water Truck

The manager stated that the 2005 Ford F-750 Water Truck is scheduled for replacement. Staff looked into used water trucks and test drove a used truck but all vehicles reviewed and tested were in poor condition. The Washington State Department of Enterprise Systems (DES) was contacted and there is a 2025 Freightliner Chassis and Water Tank available in Spokane through Gordon Truck Centers. DES competitively bids vehicles and equipment and provides them for purchase by governmental and public entities through dealerships who have a contract with them. The cost of this Freightliner, including sales tax, is \$168,949.67. Funding for the purchase has been set aside in the Equipment Replacement Fund. The manager stated that the newer Freightliner trucks have improved braking and safety features, better cab visibility and better engines and transmissions. The Board and the manager discussed the life cycle of equipment and vehicles and their replacement schedules.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to award the bid for the 2025 Freightliner Water Truck to Gordon Truck Centers, Inc. under the Department of Enterprise Systems contract in the amount of \$168,949.67 . The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 25-552 – Surplus Vehicle

The manager presented Resolution 25-552 which declares the 2005 Ford F-750 Water Truck surplus and authorizes the General Manager to sell the vehicle to the highest bidder in the most cost-effective manner available.

MOTION by Commissioner Don Nuxoll and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to adopt Resolution 25-552 providing for the surplus and sale of the 2005 For F-750 Water Truck. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative Activity – The 2024 Audit concluded on Friday, June 6 and is currently being reviewed by supervisors. The auditor stated that there were no material issues identified prior to sending it to supervisory review. An Audit Exit Conference has been scheduled for Thursday, June 26.

Water System Activity – The operations crew has begun preparations for the Water Main Replacement Project on 20th Avenue and Steel Lane. The project replaces 1,500 feet of steel main with 8-inch PVC.

Sewer System Activity – The grading and fencing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant property is complete. Staff will be meeting with Consor engineers tomorrow to discuss the plan for the replacement of the sewer main between 6th and 7th Streets.

Development Activity – Staff is awaiting the plat and design submittal for the proposed Larch Lane Addition on 6th Avenue. The Asotin County Justice Center contractor is planning to transfer the completed facility to Asotin County on June 30th.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) Water Committee and Washington Water Utilities Council Joint Meeting on Friday, May 30. He reported that the group had a roundtable discussion regarding rates and fees. The Department of Health (DOH) discussed the preliminary rulemaking for PFAS regulation. They are waiting on the federal government and the Environmental Protection Agency to make the final ruling on PFAS regulation and contaminant monitoring. DOH also discussed the reduction of funds available for the State Revolving Fund and staffing challenges in completing water system plan reviews. The Department of Ecology (DOE) stated their budget was reduced during the recent legislative session which is detrimental to their already challenging staffing issues. DOE also discussed policy updates and water resource planning.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the WPUDA Water Workshop Planning Committee meeting on Friday, June 6. He stated that the group worked on the development of programs for the Workshop. The Workshop will be held in Leavenworth this year and will be held jointly with the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts next year.

Commissioner Nuxoll virtually attended the Public Utility Risk Management System (PURMS) Semi-Annual meetings June 4-5. He reported that at the Board meeting the members approved a resolution providing for an assessment of members of the Health Insurance Pool to ensure adequate funding is available for claims. On a regular basis, PURMS completes a review of claims and funds available for payment of claims for each pool member. Last year Asotin PUD received a credit but this year the assessment requires \$72,000 payment which will be spread out over the remaining 6 months of the year. He stated that health costs have risen significantly and PURMS will be looking into network costs and reengaging large providers on the west side of the state who have left the network.

Commissioner Nuxoll reported that fire liability is still the primary topic of discussion. A meeting of the larger PUDs in the state, to discuss the development of a fire liability pool, will be held in Seattle on Wednesday, June 25. AEGIS will be in attendance along with Director Sischo, who is the PURMS appointed Auditor and Dick Rodruck, PURMS Administrator. Commissioner Nuxoll reported that there were no property claims the past two years but it was discovered that collision coverage may not be adequate for larger, more expensive vehicles. The PURMS Administrator will review the coverage.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, June 5. PPC stated that they will be seeking a seat on the Markets+ Participant Executive Committee which makes them eligible for voting seats on working groups and task forces. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) made a final decision in May to participate in the SPP Markets+ day ahead market. PPC staff discussed the Residential Exchange Program (REP) highlighting key issues of the REP settlement and non-settlement pathways. PPC staff reviewed Post-2028 timeline for Provider of Choice contract execution and updated the group on latest efforts to advance a contract provision that addresses major resource loss. She reported that the Record of Decision was placed on hold which has affected PPC members power contracts. The group also discussed federal policy, fish issues and the conducting of another Lower Snake River Dams breaching study which is opposed by PPC and member utilities. The group heard from newly appointed BPA executives regarding how the workforce transitions continue and how the agency is responding as it continues advancing a number of critical initiatives, including work in day ahead markets, power supply, operations and Post-2028 contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

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