

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026

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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, Bob Sischo and Lacey Smith.

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 27, 2026 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2254–2256 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8551EFT–8576EFT in the amount of \$83,269.46 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26012901–26012903, 26020401, 26020402, 26020501–26020503, 26021701 and 26022501, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 256–EFT to 285–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47732–47765 in the amount of \$598,216.77. 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

Resolution 26-566 – Setting the 2026 Sewer Rates, Charges and Fees

The manager presented Resolution 26-566 which provides for the surplus and sale of a 1981 Case 580D Backhoe. This backhoe came into PUD possession upon the transfer of ownership of the City of Clarkston Sewer System in August 2024. The backhoe is no longer needed for operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and has reached the end of its useful life. The manager stated that if the backhoe is approved for surplus, it will be advertised for sale and sold to the highest bidder.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to adopt Resolution 26-566 approving the surplus and sale of the 1981 Case 580D Backhoe. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Water System Activity – The water crew completed on the installation of water main on the 8th Street project which replaces 665 feet of 6-inch steel water main with 6-inch PVC from Highland Avenue North toward Libby Street to the middle of the block. The water main has been chlorinated, flushed and a satisfactory sample was obtained. 17 customer service lines will be replaced. While waiting for the satisfactory sample, the crew began prep work on the next water main replacement project located on Toby Lane which will replace 360 feet of 2-inch galvanized line with 8-inch PVC.

Electric System Activity – Boring of the electrical cable at the Quail Ridge Golf Course began on Monday, January 26 and was completed on Monday, February 1. Clearwater Power Company (CPC) then began the installation of the electrical cable and completed termination at each of 3 three services on Thursday, February 5. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) completed their new metering installation today and CPC has energized the cable. The new line is operational.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating began pipe bursting in the park from Chestnut to Park Streets for the 6th and 7th Street sewer main replacement project on Wednesday, January 28 but only made it 80 feet before having issues. They were able to burst 170 feet of the 350-foot pipe run the following day before the chain that pulls the pipe broke. They had to dig up Vernon Park to locate the chain creating a bursting pit. The new chain arrived yesterday, and they completed the installation of the sewer main to the Park Street manhole today. They will begin work of the next section on Monday, February 16.

Development Activity – The contractor is installing the sewer main for the Cache Creek Development on 6th Avenue.

Administrative Activity – House Bill 2245 and its companion, Senate Bill 5982 was introduced this session and expanded the types of entities subject to the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) regulations inadvertently including Whatcom and Asotin PUDs who only have one retail customer. At the Washington PUD Association's (WPUDA) request, the House and Senate bills were amended to clarify that a PUD with one retail electric customer is not subject to CETA if the one customer remains the same as of January 1, 2026, and the PUD continues to receive 100 percent of its electricity needs from BPA. Both versions of the amended bill passed out of their respective committees. The 2025 Fiscal Year Audit is scheduled to begin by the state auditor on Monday, April 13.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended a Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, February 5. She reported that BPA Administrator John Hairston has retired from federal service and has been appointed the new General Manager of the Eugene Water and Electric Board. PPC will be actively involved in the selection of the new administrator, has provided a guidance paper on the process and will follow up with the Northwest Congressional delegation. The group heard updates on the Residential Exchanged Program, Western Markets and the Columbia River System Operations litigation.

Commissioner McCall reported that Energy Northwest has stated to members that they are refining the timing and sequencing of upcoming member small-scale nuclear reactor engagement sessions. As a result, they will not be proceeding with the February information sessions.

Commissioners Ridge and McCall will virtually attend WPUDA meetings February 11-13.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.