

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 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 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 February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8577EFT–8603EFT in the amount of \$74,280.00 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26022001–26022004 and 26022502, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 286–EFT to 308–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47766–47785 in the amount of \$137,274.29. 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

Write Off of 2022 Uncollected Accounts

The manager stated that PUD policy requires Board approval for the write-off of uncollected customer accounts after they remain uncollected for more than three years. For the year 2022 there were 57 uncollected accounts in the amount of \$8,859.40 with 42 of those accounts sent to the collection agency. Past due accounts that are under \$25.00 do not get sent to collections due to processing costs. The 2022 accounts presented for write-off will continue to be pursued. Customers who return and want to sign up for service again, must pay previous account balances before receiving service. Any amounts received after approval of write off become miscellaneous income. The manager stated that The uncollected amount represents .00158 percent of our \$5.61 million in revenue for the year 2022. The Board asked several questions regarding the delinquent account and collections process.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the write-off of the 2022 Uncollected Accounts. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Development Activity – The contractor has been installing water and sewer main at the Cache Creek Development on 6th Avenue. They will connect both of these lines into the water and sewer mains on 6th Avenue after the asphalt plant opens up next month.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating began locating customer laterals for the next pipe bursting run which will extend from the Park Street manhole 410 feet south to the next manhole. They will begin bursting this section starting on Monday, March 9. The sewer crew completed work on several point repairs and completed camera inspections of the sewer mains in the county and in the Port of Wilma.

Water System Activity – The water crew is in the process of rebuilding and connecting customer service lines to the new water main installed the 8th Street. The company that was contracted for the diving and inspection of PUD water reservoirs has gone out of business so a Request for Proposal for these services was advertised and is due next week. A contractor will be selected from the RFP submittals. Well No. 6 is scheduled to be pulled this year, and the pump will be evaluated to ensure maximum pumping.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioners Ridge and McCall virtually attended the Washington PUD Association meetings February 11-13. He reported that at the Commissioner Education Roundtable staff discussed the protocols for the Washington DC advocacy trip, customer communication and the development of a Public Disclosure Commission checklist for elected officials. At the Water Committee meeting the group discussed the 2026 Legislative Session and bills affecting PUDs. The group also discussed the Public Works Trust Fund raid to fill the state budget deficit and the need to create a separate fund. The group also discussed the Department of Ecology’s water right policies and ongoing adjudications along with the request to exempt utility trucks from the electric vehicle requirements. The Department of Health discussed PFAS and Lead and Copper regulations stating that rules are in process to ensure alignment with federal regulations. Commissioner McCall stated that at the Board meeting the group heard from staff about ongoing issues with the WPUDA office building. The group also discussed culvert relocation legislation, the state low-income energy assistance program and heard from the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the process of replacing the retired Administrator, finances and snowpack. Energy Northwest reported that the Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant is operational after repairs were made. Commissioner Ridge reported that at the Energy Committee meeting the group discussed low-income assistance programs and the transmission authority legislation.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts (WASWD) Board meeting on Monday, February 23. He reported that staff discussed the status of financial reserves, the updating of WASWD water policies and that the legislation supporting a county utility tax is not moving forward this session.

Commissioner McCall will virtually attend a WASWD Section I/II meeting on Thursday, February 26.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend the Public Power Council meeting on Thursday, March 5.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.