

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 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 February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2257–2259 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8604EFT–8630EFT in the amount of \$82,590.90 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26022503–26022506, 26030401, 26030402, 26030501–26030503, 26030601, 26031601 and 26032501, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 309–EFT to 335–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47786–47819 in the amount of \$354,862.63. 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

Brogan Law Group Legal Services Engagement Letter

The manager presented a legal services Engagement Letter from Joe Brogan of the Brogan Law Group. He stated that Mr. Brogan, the PUDs general counsel, retired from Foster Garvey at the beginning of February. He is now semi-retired having opened his own law firm and continues to provide services for several clients. In a recent conversation, the manager asked Mr. Brogan if he would be willing to continue as general counsel for the PUD pending Board approval. He stated he would and provided a letter which provides for the engagement of his services.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the legal services Engagement Letter with the Brogan Law Group and authorize the General Manager to sign the Letter. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Administrative Activity – The 1981 Case 580D Backhoe sold on an online auction for \$16,100. The invoice for the Quail Ridge Golf Course Electric Cable installation by the Clearwater Power Company was received today. The original estimate was \$186,824 and the invoice was for \$158,783.

Development Activity – The contractor for the Cache Creek Development has notified staff that they will begin work in 6th Avenue next week to tie in both the water and sewer mains to the PUD systems.

City of Asotin – City staff stated they received word that funding of their water system plan update has been approved and they are waiting for a formal approval letter from the Department of Health. A Scope of Work for the plan update is being developed by their engineer for City Council approval.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating began pipe bursting today on the run that will extend from the Park Street manhole 410 feet south to the next manhole, but they were unable to move very far due to the chain stretching under the weight and pressure. They had a device designed to hold the chain and will try again tomorrow. If that does not work, they will be looking into renting a device that utilizes a rod rather than a chain. The sewer crew is working on the camera inspections of high flow sewer mains and completing maintenance at the plant.

Water System Activity – The water crew has completed the process of rebuilding and connecting customer service lines to the new water main installed the 8th Street and completed the final connection of the new main to the system. Asphalt patching of the project will be conducted when the asphalt plant opens. The crew began work on the water main replacement project located on Toby Lane which will replace 360 feet of 2-inch galvanized line with 8-inch PVC. Installation of the Well 3 onsite chlorine generator is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24. Requests for Proposals have been received for the diving and inspection of PUD water reservoirs, and a contractor has been selected.

### COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended a Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts Section I/II meeting on Thursday, February 26. The group discussed legislation affecting utilities, municipal water rights and utility relocation notification. They discussed the movement by the Master Builders of Washington State to defer payments of utility development fees until there is occupancy. There is talk of changing the Small Works Roster contract limit from \$350,000 to \$650,000 by 2030. The group also discussed a proposed increase in penalties for environmental crimes, rate transparency when a private utility is assumed by a public utility and the state’s raid of the Public Works Trust Fund.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, March 5. She reported that PPC is engaged in the process of the hiring of a new Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Administrator. BPA has stated that an interim Administrator will not be appointed and an internal candidate will not be considered. The group also discussed BPA’s Residential Exchange – Phase 2 process, the Columbia River System litigation and the judge’s decision to increase flow through the dams and the Western Market settlement and the goal to adequately allocate costs.

Commissioners Ridge and McCall will virtually attend the Washington PUD Association meetings March 18-20.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.