

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
March 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, 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 March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8631EFT–8656EFT in the amount of \$72,822.64 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26032001–26032002, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 336–EFT to 354–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47820–47840 in the amount of \$229,736.33. 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

There were no items presented under New Business.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Administrative Activity – The Department of Health has provided minimal comments on the latest draft of the Water System Plan Update. The comments are currently being addressed, and a final draft will be prepared and submitted.

Development Activity – The contractor for the Cache Creek Development decided to delay the tie in of both the water and sewer mains in 6th Avenue and wait for the asphalt plant to open on April 1st.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating has secured a large machine which utilizes rods rather than chains and they will begin pipe bursting tomorrow on the run that will extend from the Park Street manhole 410 feet south to the next manhole. The sewer crew is completing point repairs and continue to camera the larger collection system lines in the early morning hours. The two Hidrostal pumps, ordered in December, have been installed and are operational. Staff are waiting for parts for the UV System upgrade with installation expected in late April.

Water System Activity – Asphalt patching on the 8th Street will be conducted when the asphalt plant opens next week. The water crew completed work on the installation of new water main on Toby Lane which replaced 360 feet of 2-inch galvanized line with 6-inch PVC. The line was chlorinated, flushed and a satisfactory water sample was obtained. The crew is upgrading and tying over customers service lines to the new main this week. They will move to Hillview Court next and replace 210 feet of 2-inch galvanized iron line with 8-inch PVC. Installation of the Well 3 onsite chlorine generator began yesterday and was completed today. Staff training will be conducted tomorrow. Reservoir diving and inspection is scheduled to begin on Friday, April 17.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington PUD Association meetings March 18-20. He reported that at the Commissioner Education roundtable, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff presented information regarding the completion of F1 and C1 forms for elected and appointed officials. WPUDA is working with PDC to develop a step-by-step guide for completing the forms. A WPUDA lobbyist discussed the requirements of lobbying legislators and elected officials stating that PUDs can inform but public funds cannot be utilized for direct lobbying. At the Power Lunch meeting the group heard from a member of the Washington State Supreme Court regarding their election process, terms of office, age at which they must retire and pending cases. At the Water Committee and Government Relations Committee meetings a legislative report was provided regarding the 2026 Legislative Session which ended on time. The group discussed the budget shortfalls, the raid and diversion of the Public Works Assistance Account funds, utility relocation legislation and the state's clean vehicle program that will adversely affect utility vehicles. At the Board meeting the group heard from the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the search for a new Administrator and the snow and water levels which will affect flow and power generation. The group also heard from Energy Northwest regarding the Columbia Generating Station and the small-scale nuclear generation project. Staff discussed the ongoing issues with the WPUDA office building.

Commissioner Ridge stated that at the Energy Committee meeting the group discussed legislation regarding low-income assistance programs. Utilities will continue their programs with supplemental assistance provide by the state. The group discussed the update of the Small Works Roster legislation which increases the contract dollar amount limit from \$350,000 to \$530,000 on January 1, 2027, increasing incrementally each year to \$650,000 by 2030. Wildfire legislation that would have increased state involvement did not pass. PUD insurance groups lobbied against state involvement which would have increased wildfire insurance costs dramatically. The group discussed Washington State officials desire to adopt California emissions standards and the interim strategy in preparation for the 2027 Legislative Session. She reported that at the Board meeting they discussed upcoming WPUDA elections.

Commissioner McCall will virtually attend the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Section I/II meeting on Thursday, March 26.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending a Public Power Council meeting on Thursday, April 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.