

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 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 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2260–2262 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8657EFT–8682EFT in the amount of \$89,014.57 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26032502–26032505, 26040201, 26040202, 26040301–26040303, 26040601, 26040602, 26041301, 26042401, 26042701 and 26043001, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 355–EFT to 415–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47841–47882 in the amount of \$728,697.02. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Ridge adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Commissioner Ridge stated that the Board would be in Executive Session for 20 minutes. Commissioner Ridge called the regular meeting back to order at 5:56 p.m. She stated that no decisions were made.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Administrative Activity – Columbia Electric Supply is conducting an audit and inventory of our SCADA System and Programmable Logic Controllers. The audit will provide a comprehensive inventory identifying equipment and provide for an asset maintenance and replacement program.

Development Activity – The contractor for the Cache Creek Development has again delayed the tie-in of both the water and sewer mains in 6th Avenue. After potholing the sewer main in order to set a new manhole, they discovered that the gas main was too close. They are waiting for Avista to relocate the gas main. The water main will be tapped by the PUD crew once the sewer manhole is completed.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating completed the pipe bursting with the new machine extending from the Park Street manhole 410 feet south to the next manhole in 3 hours on Wednesday, March 25. The customer sewer laterals were tied over to the new main within the required 24-hour period. Restoration of property in the first section is near completion and sewer laterals for the next pipe bursting section have been located. The final pipe bursting run will occur Wednesday, April 22.

Water System Activity – Asphalt patching on the 8th Street water main project has been completed. The water crew completed the tying over customers service lines to the new water main on Toby Lane and asphalt patching has been completed. The crew began and completed the installation of a new main Hillview Court on the same day replacing 210 feet of 2-inch galvanized iron line with 6-inch PVC. The main was chlorinated, flushed and a water quality sample taken. The sample was satisfactory and the crew will begin tie over of the customer service lines. Reservoir inspection will begin this week.

JUDY RIDGE – WASHINGTON PUD ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Commissioners, General Manager and staff congratulated Commissioner Judy Ridge for being selected to receive the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA) Lifetime Achievement Award. Judy will be honored at the WPUDA Annual meeting on Thursday, April 30.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Section I/II meeting on Thursday, March 26. The group heard from the Executive Director regarding the outcome of the 2026 Legislative Session and heard from several utilities regarding their systems.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended a Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, April 2. She stated that PPC staff reported that the Bonneville Power Administration received applicants for the Administrator position through the end of March. The comparatively low salary has discouraged and limited the number of qualified candidates, and they will be looking to Congress to increase the compensation for this position. The current Administrator will be leaving at the end of April. PPC staff discussed the Residential Exchange Post-2028 process, Western Market activity and their appeal of the judge's order for a preliminary injunction that will increase spill at eight dams on the lower Snake and Columbia rivers. The group also heard from a predictive meteorologist regarding snowpack, how it will effect the fire season and expectations for weather throughout the spring and summer months.

Commissioner McCall will be attending the Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts Spring Conference April 21-23 in Kennewick, Washington.

Commissioner McCall will be attending Energy Northwest Board meetings April 22-23 in Richland, Washington.

ADJOURNMENT

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