

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 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 May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8740EFT–8768EFT in the amount of \$83,678.19 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26052001, 26052002 and 26052003, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 479–EFT to 510–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47952–47983 in the amount of \$280,472.84. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Electronic Funds Transfer Vouchers 476–EFT to 478–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 47941–47951 were voided due to an accounts payable processing error.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items presented under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-570 – Adopting the 2026-2035 Water System Plan

The manager presented Resolution 26-570 which provides for the adoption of the Comprehensive Water System Plan (Plan) for the 2026-2035 period. He stated that the updated 10-year Plan was submitted to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) in December 2025 and DOH comments on the Plan were provided to the PUD in March for review. All comments were satisfied last week and DOH advised that the Board could adopt the Plan. The Plan update began in January of 2023.

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve Resolution 26-570 adopting the 2026-2035 Water System Plan. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Development Activity – The final inspection of the water and sewer lines for the Cache Creek Development has been delayed due to a postponement in paving the subdivision.

Water System Activity – The new water main on Wilson Court was pressure tested, flushed and sampled and the water sample was satisfactory. Customer service lines have been tied into the new main. The crew began the replacement of 760 feet of 4-inch steel and 2-inch galvanized main on 24th Avenue with 8-inch PVC. The new main will improve water quality and address a fire flow deficiency in the area. A bid request for the replacement of the onsite chlorine generation unit at Well No. 6 has been sent out. Bids are due Thursday, June 4 and bids will be presented to the Board at the Tuesday, June 9 meeting.

Sewer System Activity – DW Excavating has 16 properties and several other items remaining on the pre-substantial completion punch list for the 6th and 7th Street sewer main replacement project. The contract states that the project completion date is Thursday, May 28 before penalties will be assessed. The project will not be complete by Thursday due to the fact that there are only 3 contract employees left to complete the significant amount of work with no supervisor present. Ownership is aware of the extensive punch list but have not provided resolution to address the lack of staffing and have not provided a plan or a date for full completion. These issues will be resolved this week. The sewer crew completed video inspection of the large sewer main lines. One issue was identified during the inspections: There is a break on the top part of a 15-inch sewer main near Costco that has been added to point repair list which will need to be completed by a contractor. A cost estimate is pending.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) Board meeting on Monday, May 18. He reported that staff discussed the 2027 Strategic Plan. The Public Works Assistance Account has dwindled due to a state raid on their funds. These low interest loans are being backfilled with bonds at a much higher interest rate after the state received a downgraded bond rating. The Department of Transportation continues to be elusive with public utilities regarding the cost of utility relocations due to culvert replacements. State legislation, regarding the waiving of development fees by utilities until the final lot is sold, will be introduced again in the 2027 legislative session along with a county tax on utilities. The Department of Health is reducing staffing due budgeting constraints. The state wants public utilities to absorb smaller failing systems but utilities are warning of the cost burden to bring these systems in compliance. WASWD believes that the state should share in the burden. The Department of Ecology's new director stated that one of his goals is to improve relationships with public utilities that has become difficult due to decision making by Ecology.

Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending the WASWD Section I and II meeting on May 28.

Commissioner Nuxoll and Director Sischo will be attending the Public Utility Risk Management System semi-annual meeting in Seattle, Washington June 3-4.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending the Public Power Council meeting Thursday, June 4.

ADJOURNMENT

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