

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2026

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President Judy Ridge presiding, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way, Clarkston, Washington.
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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Judy Ridge, Greg and Don Nuxoll.

Staff: Tim Simpson, Bob Sischo, Craig Riehle and Lacey Smith.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL

MOTION by Commissioner Greg McCall and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8854EFT–8881EFT in the amount of \$82,011.69 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26072001, 26072002 and 26072003, Electronic Funds Transfer Voucher 610–EFT to 646–EFT and Accounts Payable Vouchers 48093–48117 in the amount of \$147,590.13. 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 – Columbia Electric Supply provided a report on the inventory of the PUDs PLC equipment. The Installed Base Evaluation Lifecycle designation was Active, Active-Mature, End of Life and Discontinued products. 296 electronic parts were evaluated which included spare inventory. 26% of the active inventory is comprised of discontinued products with the majority of these items are at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The condition of all the panels was rated as good. Based on the inventory assessment, PUD staff will develop a lifecycle replacement framework for HMIs, PLCs, VFDs, communication equipment, and related controls. The program will identify equipment priorities and develop a year-by-year replacement approach. Preliminary control-system replacement costs will be incorporated into capital planning and refined as priorities are developed.

Water System Activity – The water crew completed installation of 850 feet of 8-inch PVC pipe on 16th Avenue, replacing steel water main. The water main was chlorinated, pressure tested, flushed and a satisfactory water sample was obtained. The crew has begun connecting customer service lines to the new main. The River’s Bend Pump Station Emergency Generator has been built and has shipped. The concrete pad for the generator will be poured prior to its arrival in August.

Sewer System Activity – The sewer crew completed a point repair on a 10-inch main on Fair Street between 5th Street and Walmart’s south entrance. The crew performed a sewer main point repair today on Maple Street between 4th and 5th Street. The point repair for the large 18-inch sewer main near Costco is planned for completion of the repair the week of August 17-21.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings July 15-17. Commissioner McCall reported that at the Commissioner Education Roundtable a presentation was made on rate setting fundamentals. At the Legislative Committee meeting the group discussed interim legislative work in preparation for the 2027 session. The group also discussed the 7 regional meetings being conducted by Ecology titled "Washington's Water Future." The group also discussed Department of Transportation funding for culvert relocation by utilities and state funding for consolidation. At the Board meeting the group discussed the WPUDA office building repair assessment and heard a legislative report about the state's overspending and budget shortfall. Commissioner Ridge reported that at the Energy Committee meeting the group discussed wildfire liability and development of wildfire legislation using the state of Idaho's recent legislation as a basis.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended an Energy Northwest Board of Directors meeting July 23-24. He reported on the selection of a new Board President and the group heard from representatives of Amazon and X-Energy regarding the Cascade Advanced Small-Scale Modular Nuclear Facility.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Section I and II meeting Thursday evening, July 23. He reported that the group discussed the Public Works Assistance Account funding and Ecology's litigation with a farmer alleging illegal use of water.

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the joint WPUDA Water Committee and Washington Water Utility Committee meeting on Friday, July 24. He reported that the group discussed many of the same topics that were discussed at the WAWSD meeting. Ecology and Health staff provided presentations.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending the Public Power Council meeting Thursday, August 6.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Ridge adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session at 1:25 p.m. to discuss information technology security per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Commissioner Ridge stated that the Board would be in Executive Session for 30 minutes. Commissioner Ridge called the regular meeting back to order at 1:50 p.m. She stated that no decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.