PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2026

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.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Judy Ridge, Greg McCall and Don Nuxoll.

Staff: Tim Simpson and Bob Sischo.

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 August 25, 2026 Regular Meeting and Payroll Vouchers 2276–2278 and Electronic Payroll Vouchers 8938EFT–8965EFT in the amount of $87,027.68 and Electronic Funds Transfer Vouchers 701–EFT to 726–EFT, Accounts Payable Vouchers 48169–48196 and Electronic Accounts Payable Voucher 26082801–26082804, 26090301–26090303, 26090401–26090403, 26091401 and 26092501 in the amount of $461,026.17. 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

Water Operations – The Well No. 6 On-Site Chlorine Generation System was installed on September 1st and is operational. The Clarkston Heights Booster Pump Station Motor Starters have arrived, and they will be installed during the week of September 21. The water crew will be installing 1,200 feet of new water main from the Scenic Hills Reservoir to the valve on Scenic Hills Drive. Once a satisfactory sample is obtained on the new line it will be tied over to the existing system and the line that runs across 2921 Scenic Hills Drive will be abandoned. An easement on the property was secured in 2021 which provided access to the reservoirs and for installation of the water main. The owner has been notified and has approved of the project. The pipe material is in inventory, and the primary cost will be graveling a roadway and the installation of conduit for the level sensor that extends to the Scenic Hills Booster Station.

Wastewater Operations – The wastewater crew continues to complete point repairs in the sewer collection system. The Port Drive Lift Station pump will be upgraded within the next two weeks. Staff will be replacing two smaller pumps with one more efficient pump. Two pumps were purchased and one will be stored in inventory as a backup.

Administrative Activity – The PUD received a $18,790 check from the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) Retrospective Rating (Retro) Program. Retro is a financial incentive and safety initiative aligned with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I). The program allows participating water and sewer special-purpose districts to pool their workers' compensation premiums. If the group's total claim losses are lower than expected during a designated coverage year, L&I calculates an adjustment and returns a portion of the premiums as a refund.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall virtually attended the WASWD Section I and II meeting on Thursday August 27. He reported that the group heard from a speaker regarding the corrosion of concrete sewer lines. The Executive Director addressed the protection of the Public Works Assistance Account, the Retro program refund distributions and the WASWD Fall Conference. He also discussed the federal requirement for public agencies to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compatible websites. The deadline for compatible websites with a population of 50,000 or more is April 26, 2027 and with a population of less than 50,000, or any special district government, is April 26, 2028.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the Public Power Council (PPC) meeting on Thursday, September 3. She reported that primary focus of the meeting was regarding the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Administrator who wants to reassess the day ahead market decision made by BPA last year when they selected the SPP Markets+ market option. The Administrator shared that he is evaluating whether he might pivot BPA to pursue joining the CAISO EDAM if they meet certain criteria. PPC and its members do not support this day-ahead market because it is not beneficial to Northwest BPA preference customers. Open briefs for PPC litigation filed in opposition to the 24/7 spill at the Columbia River System dams is on Friday, September 11. Due to the ongoing spill, BPA is looking at a power rate update to cover the cost of lost generation and revenue. The group also discussed fish and wildlife issues, BPA transmission settlements and agreements and BPA financial rate pressure.

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending the Washington PUD Association meetings September 16-18.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.