

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2015

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President Gary Hicks 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.

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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Gary Hicks, Don Nuxoll and Judy Ridge.

PUD Staff: General Manager Tim Simpson, Treasurer Bob Sischo and Counsel Scott Broyles.

Members of the public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve the consent agenda approving the minutes of the March 24, 2015 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #1827 and #1828 and vouchers #3454EFT through #3471EFT in the amount of \$35,877.23 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #34304 through #34375, and Electronic Transaction Vouchers #15040101, #15040201, #15040202, #15040301, #15040601, #15041001, #15041002, #15041003, #15041601, #15041602 and #15041603 in the amount of \$405,783.23. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Port of Wilma Large Onsite Sewage System

The manager reported at the last meeting that PUD staff were monitoring sewer flow in the Port of Wilma and discovered that that the flow was two times greater than the 3,600 gallons per day that the proposed Port of Wilma Large Onsite Sewage System (LOSS) is designed to handle. The majority of the flow appeared to be coming from cooling units and a planer at the Bennett Lumber Mill. The manager reported that on Monday, April 6th, Bennett shut off their cooling units and planer for a period of 12 hours. Data was gathered after the shut down and it showed a dramatic drop in flow from approximately 5.0 gallons per minute (gpm) or 7,200 gallons per day to 0.80 gpm or 1,150 gallons per day. The data was shared with the Port and Bennett. Bennett stated that they will cooperate with the Port and remove the discharge from their cooling units and planer from the sewer system prior to the new LOSS system coming online. A pre-construction meeting for the LOSS system is scheduled for Monday, April 20th. The manager reported that estimated material, labor and equipment cost quotes were provided to the Port for upgrading the lift stations. Each station will cost an estimated \$29,000 to \$30,000 to upgrade to PUD standards.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Tuesday April 28th Commissioner Meeting Start time from 5:30 pm to 4:30 pm

The manager requested changing the Tuesday April 28, 2015 Commissioner meeting start time from 5:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Don Nuxoll to approve changing the Tuesday April 14, 2015 start time from 5:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Heights Reservoirs Interior Recoating Project – the manager reported that the contractor is waiting for the door sheet to be welded on to the reservoir to complete the final coating application. The door sheet will be replaced next Monday. The 2 to 3 week curing of the paint will begin immediately after this portion of the reservoir is completed.

Port of Wilma Well No. 2 – the manager reported that Well No. 2 in the Port of Wilma was made operational again on Thursday, March 26th. The manager reported that the output from the well increased from 700 gallons per minute (gpm) to 940 gpm, 140 gpm higher than was expected from motor rewind and pump upgrade.

Craig Riehle – Operator Certification – The manager reported that GIS Coordinator Craig Riehle successfully passed the Water Distribution Manager II (WDM II) Operator Certification Exam. The Board congratulated Mr. Riehle on this accomplishment.

Valve Operating Trailer – The manager reported that the Valve Operating Trailer arrived last week and training on operation of the unit will occur next week followed by training on the software on May 7th. The manager showed the Commissioners pictures of the unit.

Main Break in Asotin – The manager reported that a main break occurred in the City of Asotin on Sunday, April 12th near Wilson Road and the Riverpointe Addition. An 8-inch water main separated at a mechanical joint fitting. Upon separation water moved at least 100 yards of soil across the road into the US Army Corp property. PUD staff was able to get the line shut down and keep city customers in water. Dirt was replaced and costs for the repair of the line are being sought. The manager shared pictures of the main break and damage.

Allen Drive Water Main Project – The manager reported that the installation of 1,400 feet of 8-inch PVC water main on Allen Drive, which began in early March, has been going slow due to basalt rock a couple of feet below the surface and work on items that needed immediate attention. He stated that project should be done by mid-May. The project will eliminate two dead-ends and includes the moving and replacement of 15 service lines along with the installation of a new fire hydrant.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge attended the Public Power Council meetings Wednesday and Thursday, April 1-2 in Portland, Oregon. She stated that the meeting focused on fish and wildlife issues with particular attention paid to the number of sea lions at the mouth of the Columbia River eating returning salmon. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) rates were also a topic of focus during the meeting. She stated that debt refinancing and transmission infrastructure upgrades will drive BPA costs higher.

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

Commissioner Nuxoll attended the Watershed Planning Unit meeting Thursday, March 26th at the PUD office. He stated that the meeting was via conference call and topics discussed were stream flow data review and selection of a project utilizing the legislative grant provided to the Planning Unit. Stream flow data was reviewed by Ecology and provided to the Planning Unit for review and discussion at the proposed April 30th meeting. The Planning Unit selected a tree planting project in the riparian area of Alpowa Creek that will be completed before the funding end date of June 30, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.