

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022

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President Greg McCall 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: Greg McCall, Don Nuxoll and Judy Ridge.
Staff: Tim Simpson and Bob Sischo.

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 8, 2022 Regular Meeting and payment of Electronic Payroll Vouchers #6304EFT – #6320EFT in the amount of \$40,712.16 and Electronic Accounts Payable Vouchers #22031801, #22031802 and #22032801 and Accounts Payable Vouchers #42646 – #42676 in the amount of \$95,531.03. 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

Change the Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Commission Meeting Date

The manager requested changing the next Commission meeting date from Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to Monday, April 11, 2022 due to Commissioner travel to meetings.

MOTION by Commissioner Don Nuxoll and seconded by Commissioner Judy Ridge to approve changing the Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations Activity – An experienced tank painter has been found by Coleman Oil to sand blast and repaint the fuel tank. Tank preparation and painting will occur in April when it gets warmer. The fuel cloud startup is scheduled for Monday, March 28. A Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) has been completed. This was required based on the size of the tanks. The SPCC has been added to our Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Section 10.2.22 and added as Appendix J to the ERP.

Capital Improvement Projects – Crea Construction began work on the Libby Street Water Main Replacement on Monday, March 14. Yesterday, the operations crew began preparation work for the installation of 2,000 feet of 8-inch PVC water main on Frost Lane from Lambert Drive to 18th Avenue Court. Staff met with Sensus Technologies on Wednesday, March 16 to discuss the delay in receiving MXUs for our Automated Meter Reading System (AMR) MXU Replacement Project. A year ago, 1,000 MXU’s were ordered for Phase 1 of the AMR project. Approximately 600 were delivered with the remaining 400 units delayed. Another 2,000 MXU’s were ordered last fall. Sensus is having delays in production due to critical supply chain issues and they were recently notified that Texas Instruments will quit making AMR processing chips for them. SEL was mentioned as a potential chip-maker for their product. It will be 2023 before large orders will be filled delaying the AMR project.

Development Activity – One fire hydrant was added to the Asotin County Justice Center plan and the bid opening for the Center will be tomorrow afternoon. The County is waiting on their attorney to complete review of the Intergovernmental Developer Agreement. The engineer of the Bennett Hill development continues to work on the update of the water and sewer extension plans to meet PUD requirements. M.L. Albright and Sons began work on connection and extension of the sewer main on Phase 2 of the Appleside Townhomes development on Monday, March 14. Staff spoke to the County regarding the Grandview Drive development and they will require 2 fire hydrants and a fire flow of 1500 gpm for the 5-lot subdivision. PUD engineers are reviewing the hydraulic model to determine if the fire flow demand can be met and to review the extension of an 8-inch water main 1,000 feet from Laurel Drive to the intersection of West Grandview Drive to determine if it will improve fire flow.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended a Public Power Council (PPC) Forum of Elected Utility Leaders meeting on Friday, March 11. She reported that more than 60 elected officials and PPC staff attended the Forum. The meeting included PPC staff introductions and discussion on the post-2028 contract issues, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transparency, BPA’s lowest-cost power supply, the approach PPC is taking in the Western Resource Adequacy Program and learning more insights on PPC’s market development work and inquiries about power supply costs in the BPA resource portfolio.

Commissioners McCall and Ridge virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings March 16-18. Commissioner Ridge reported that at the Education Roundtable commissioners heard a presentation on relationships with local and regional media and the use of media outreach. At the Energy Committee meeting the upcoming election of a committee chair and co-chair was discussed along with the Lower Snake River Dams, bill assistance for low-income households, important legislation that was passed and defeated and the future of transportation and coming mandates on electric vehicles. Commissioner McCall reported that at the Water Committee meeting discussion focused on ongoing issues. At the Board Meeting it was stated that Executive Director George Caan has been with WPUDA for 10 years. The need to revisit and update the strategic plan was discussed along with the Public Works Assistance Account fund diversion, net ecological gain for projects, DOH PFAS regulation, culvert replacement funding, telecom authority and approved funding for utility arrearages.

Commissioner McCall will virtually attend a WPUDA Water Committee meeting Thursday, March 24.

Commissioner Ridge will virtually attend a PPC meeting on Thursday, April 7.

ADJOURNMENT

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