PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2015

President Gary Hicks presiding, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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

PUD Staff: General Manager Tim Simpson.

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 April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting and payment of the Transaction Vouchers covering vouchers #3472EFT through #3488EFT in the amount of $31,153.85 and Blanket Transaction Voucher Approval Document covering vouchers #34376 through #34415, and Electronic Transaction Vouchers #15042001 and #15042002 in the amount of $125,135.30. 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 that a pre-construction meeting was held for the Port of Wilma Large Onsite Sewage System (LOSS) on Monday, April 6th. The Port has not awarded the project due to the need to resolve flow issues prior to construction of the LOSS system. As mandated by the Port, Bennett Lumber removed their cooling units and planer water discharge from the sewer system late last week. Flow data already shows a drop in the sewer below what the LOSS system is designed for. To confirm the data that PUD staff has gathered and to ensure there is no additional discharge from tenants in the Port of Wilma, the Port has heeded PUD advice and commissioned a flow study with engineers at Keller and Associates. Keller will review the data, review the sewer system operation, meet with Port tenants and provide the Port of Whitman County with a technical memorandum regarding their findings. The manager stated that a cost estimate, for the material, labor and equipment to upgrade of the sewer lift stations, was provided to the Port for review. The Port has approved the upgrade of the sewer lift stations and material and equipment has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business presented.
MANAGER’S REPORT

Heights Reservoirs Interior Recoating Project – the manager reported that the door sheet has been welded back onto the reservoir and the final coating application is complete. The contractor will return May 5th, after adequate curing of the paint, to clean and sterilize the reservoir. Once that is accomplished, PUD staff will fill the reservoir and a water quality sample will be taken. Once a sample is found satisfactory the reservoir will be put back in service and the Heights Reservoir Interior Recoating project will be complete. The manager stated that the reservoir should be back on line by mid-May.

Allen Drive Water Main Project – The manager reported that the installation of water main on Allen Drive is still underway. It has gone slow due to basalt rock encountered and staff being pulled away for other system operation and maintenance issues. The water main has been installed, chlorinated and has tested satisfactory. The crew is relocating and replacing customer service lines. The project should be done by mid-May.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge attended Energy Northwest meetings April 22-23. Discussions and presentations at the meeting focused on strategic planning for fiscal years 2016-2018 and Executive Board risk management. The refueling of the Columbia Generating Station will occur May 9 to June 14 at a cost of $100 million. Packwood hydropower is at $19.71 a megawatt hour (MWh) whereas Nine Canyon wind power cost is $84.75 per MWh.

Commissioner Ridge will be attending Public Power Council meetings in Portland, Oregon May 6-7.

Commissioner Nuxoll will be attending a Watershed Planning Unit meeting Thursday, April 30th at the PUD office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.