

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fagerlie and Chris Kroupa, Manager John Friederichs, Auditor Sue Nush, Engineer/Superintendent Steve VanSlyke, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute which was led by Commissioner Kroupa.

Visitors: Melissa Rose

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie and unanimously carried.

Public Comments:

4. Ms. Rose met with the Board to request sponsorship for Ferry County Pride Week. The Board agreed to sponsor for \$100 and the District will have a booth at the Conservation Fair. Ms. Rose also complimented the Utility on the Generlink that was installed on her service.

Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m., followed by Commissioner Doug Aubertin at 9:09 a.m.

Reports:

The Engineer/Superintendent's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. The crew is doing pole replacements and performing regulator maintenance at the substations.
2. The tree trimming crew is working in the Keller area on circuit trims.
3. Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke met with Energy Northwest and SCADANexus regarding equipment for demand response that could help reduce excess demand charges for the Utility. It would also provide real time information on the substations, which currently is not available. Energy Northwest would provide funding up-front and the Utility would pay it back over time. Manager Friederichs commented that excess demand charges on the last monthly bill from Bonneville Power was \$35,812.

Mr. VanSlyke was thanked for this time and he exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:16 a.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to Regular Session at 09:26 a.m.

Attorney Graham had no additional report to present.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

1. Carolyn Gangmark, the Pollution Prevention Coordinator for the U.S. EPA, is working on a microhydro project in Oregon and contacted Manager Friederichs asking for information on work done locally in this area. He offered William Scott and Lloyd O'Dell as possible contacts.
2. A letter was received from Kinross Gold requesting the CO2 generated per KWH of electricity used at their sites. Bonneville Power is unable to provide this information.
3. The local chapter of Business and Professional Women asked for a donation for their fund-raising bingo. This request was denied as the Utility cannot donate items or funding. A discussion followed on allowable uses of public funds.

Meetings:

1. Ed Forsman will attend a meeting on the state 811 Call Before You Dig program in Moses Lake.
2. Aaron Baldwin will attend a two-day Locating Certification Seminar in Yakima.
3. Commissioner Kroupa will be attending the February WPUDA meeting in Olympia instead of Commissioner Fagerlie.

A fifteen minute recess was called at 10:08 a.m. with the meeting reconvening at 10:23 a.m.

General Business:

1. Bonneville Power has met with the US Forest Service regarding their right of way on power lines and removing danger trees.
2. Frontier has paid their pole contact bill under protest while a lawsuit is pending in Washington State on how the fees are calculated.
3. Bonneville Power has scheduled an outage in the Keller area on June 12th. Since this is during Prospector's Day Weekend, the Utility will contact B.P.A. and ask them to re-schedule.
4. The Utility has replaced Curlew community lights with new LED fixtures. A request to place a light near the new Curlew library cannot be completed until a tree that has grown around the pole is removed.

Conservation information was presented by Manager Friederichs:

1. The District will have a booth at the Conservation Fair during Ferry County Pride Week.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Kroupa:

1. Attended the NRU meeting in Portland and presented information.

Commissioner Aubertin:

1. Attended no outside meetings.

Commissioner Fagerlie:

1. Attended a TEDD meeting and presented information. Secured vote of TEDD to write letter of support for BPA right-of-way improvements through US Forest Service land.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of February 10, 2016 were \$2,268,556.22 with restricted funds of \$2,933,410.80. There were thirteen outages in the month of January for a year-to-date total of thirteen compared to ten for the same period in 2015. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.
2. A discussion followed regarding commercial customers and non-payment during the winter moratorium. Attorney Graham will investigate whether commercial customers can be excluded from the moratorium.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was reviewed with the Board and questions answered. Warrants Numbers 13437 through 13544, direct payroll deposits numbers 903170 through 903207, and Electronic Fund Transfer numbers 381 and 383 through 386 in the total amount of \$738,394.07 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.
2. The Financial and Statistical Report was reviewed by the Board with questions answered.
3. A policy is being developed on the rental of Generlinks.

Manager Friederichs exited the meeting at 11:38 a.m. and returned at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. for lunch reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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