

P.U.D. #1 of Ferry County Board Meeting Summary

The 05/15/17 Board Meeting was called to order with Commissioners Kroupa, Fagerlie and Aubertin, Manager Friederichs, Auditor Nush, Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke, and Treasurer Allen present.

- ▶ The Minutes of the April meeting were corrected and approved.
- ▶ Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke provided an overview of operations for the last month. More equipment failed at the city substation. Specialty Engineers will be here tomorrow to test the transformers and regulators for damage. A work order from Energy Northwest was received for the voltage response project. They want to have the demo done by June but the work order was lacking necessary details so Manager Friederichs will contact Energy Northwest for clarification. Mr. VanSlyke presented the Board with a list of ideas to help the Utility reduce expenditures and increase revenue. Auditor Nush addressed the idea of non-bargaining employees and commissioners contributing to insurance premiums. The Board requested a resolution for the next meeting to enact these contributions.
- ▶ Attorney Graham was unable to attend the meeting. Auditor Nush updated the Board on some legal issues being handled through the Utility's insurance company.
- ▶ The meeting was joined by visitors from the Public Power Council, based in Portland Oregon. The PPC's mission is to preserve and protect the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System of consumer-owned utilities. They provided the Board with information on the work they are doing, and on potential risks and opportunities going forward. The BPA is the sole source of power for the Utility.
- ▶ A hearing was held on the rate schedules for Large Power and Primary Industrial customers. Auditor Nush suggested changes for the monthly rate exception to bring the rates in line with BPA charges, and additional wording that would allow the Utility to adjust rate components to cover any future charges that may be levied against the Utility, such as carbon taxes. The Board requested a resolution to vote on at the June meeting.
- ▶ Manager Friederichs attended the WPUDA Managers Meeting in April, and shared information from the meeting with the group. Commissioner Fagerlie will be unable to attend the next TEDD meeting in Colville. Commissioner Aubertin was unsure if he would be available to attend as alternate.
- ▶ Adding late fees to residential customers who pay their bills after the due date was discussed. A late fee would help cover the cost of processing and mailing additional notices to customers who are delinquent. The Board requested that a resolution be prepared for the June meeting to enact a late fee on residential customers. They also directed that the proposed resolution in support of the Columbia Generating Station be presented to the Board for approval next month.
- ▶ The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting.
- ▶ The Treasurer's monthly report was presented. After some discussion, the Board approved moving the District's banking to Washington Federal. Besides supporting a local bank, this will save the District several thousand dollars each year in fees.
- ▶ Auditor Nush presented the Financial and Statistical reports and the warrants processed during the month were approved.
- ▶ For additional information visit our website at www.fcpud.com or contact our Commissioners:

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