

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 2017

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

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

Visitors: None.

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

Public Comments: Manager Friederichs received good comments about the Sunday outage picnic. Commissioner Fagerlie was asked how to purchase surplus poles from the Utility. Warehouseman/Mechanic Mike Brown is the person to contact to see if there are any available, and their condition and price.

Reports:

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

1. During the BPA outage, District crews were also out doing work. A discussion followed on the Utility's trimming of trees that are near its lines. Mr. VanSlyke indicated that he tries to work with customers on trees that need to be trimmed, where possible, but the right of way must be maintained.
2. Kinross has put out bids for reclaiming the Buckhorn road. Some of the underground power line may need to be moved as part of the reclamation work.
3. One bid has been received to enclose three open bays at the shop. Warehouseman/Mechanic Mike Brown has been contacting other contractors to try to get more bids.
4. The new tree trimming truck will be here tomorrow.
5. Truck 17 is in Colville having a refurbished motor installed.
6. Pend Oreille County PUD General Manager Colin Willenbrock will be coming to the Utility to talk about the possibility of Ferry County PUD purchasing power from them.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham.

1. Attorney Graham will work with Treasurer Allen to collect payment from a business that has not paid its final bill.

A recess was called at 9:44 a.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

1. A thank you note was received from Sam Jenkins for night lights provided for the recent search and rescue conference.
2. A request was received for a donation to the Ferry County Fairgrounds. The District is unable to donate. A discussion followed about whether or not it is permissible to give grant money to public entities for economic development or conservation projects.

Meetings:

1. Commissioner Kroupa will attend PPC and NRU meetings in Portland in August. Commissioner Fagerlie will attend the WPUDA meeting this week in Ocean Shores. Commissioner Aubertin will attend an Energy Northwest meeting in Pasco.

General Business:

1. Manager Friederichs and Deputy Auditor Marilee Kuehne attended a CWPU meeting in Ephrata. The possibility of restructuring it as an insurance group only is being investigated.
2. The BPA outage went well. Remaining BPA work should be scheduled on some smaller outages, so this was the last year for the outage picnic.
3. The school has requested some tree trimming and an interlocal agreement has been put in place. Commissioner Fagerlie asked why the school is not paying for a private arborist to come in and do the work. Mr. VanSlyke responded that it is a small job, and the District will not get involved in large projects.

Conservation:

1. The new conservation agreement was received from BPA. Manager Friederichs has not had the opportunity to review it yet. Pend Oreille County PUD is putting together the information for the unused funds that will be laterally transferred.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed a draft job description for the Manager's position and made some changes. Commissioner Fagerlie will work on a draft ad for the position for the Board to review at the next meeting.

A recess was called at 11:00 a.m. for 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of July 10, 2017 were \$2,828,138.57 with restricted funds of \$3,060,248.85. There were 11 outages in the month of June, for a year-to-date total of 67 compared to 79 for the same period in 2016. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was reviewed with the Board and questions answered. Cost and usage graphs were reviewed.
2. Warrants number 14970 through 15048, Direct Payroll Deposits number 903841 through 903877, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 469 and 471 through 473, in the total amount of \$495,096.27 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

3. Discussion resumed on the Auditor's Report.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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