

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
April 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 8:57 a.m. Present were Commissioners Doug Aubertin, Chris Kroupa and Dan Fagerlie, Acting Manager Steve VanSlyke, Acting Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

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

Visitors were Bobbi Weller; and Sheila Welvaert, Bo Keating, and David Drennan of the TV Association of Republic. Ron Gadeberg of Okanogan County PUD joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

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

Commissioner Fagerlie updated the group on conversations he had with NoaNet, the TV Association of Republic, TEDD, and the local WSU extension agent about the need for broadband internet in the area, and what resources may be available. Public utility districts cannot provide retail services but may provide wholesale services in areas that are underserved. There may be CERB grants and/or loans available. Commissioner Fagerlie will keep everyone informed as he gets more information. The Board emphasized that there must be a viable business plan before they would consider any action in this area. Sheila Welvaert, Bo Keating and David Drennan exited the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Visitor Bobbi Weller asked if the District has changed its rules for Low Income Senior Discounts. Auditor Nush replied that qualifications have not changed, but the District stopped accepting bank statements as proof of gross income a couple of years ago. Staff are happy to provide customers with contact information, if needed, to request copies of their SSI benefits.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Plans are being developed for some substation repairs and maintenance. The Windsor Substation is in need of concrete work. The Strassburg Substation can handle the load while the repairs are done.
2. Alamon Utility Services has been contracted to test poles.
3. BPA has contacted the Utility about a planned outage to repair some equipment damaged by winter storms.

Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Commissioner Fagerlie and Acting Superintendent Brown exited the meeting at 9:51 a.m. and returned at 9:53 a.m.

Ron Gadeberg, Director of Power Resources & Broadband Service, for Okanogan County PUD gave a presentation on broadband services at his Utility.

A recess was called at 11:04 a.m. for 20 minutes. Visitor Bobbie Weller exited the meeting at this time.

The meeting reconvened at 11:21 a.m. The Board thanked Ron Gadeberg for his presentation and Mr. Gadeberg exited the meeting.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham discussed a draft agreement for the tree trimming apprenticeship program.
2. The Board was updated on the status of a lawsuit against a local business with outstanding bills.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

Correspondence:

1. Correspondence received since the last meeting was briefly discussed.

Meetings:

1. Commissioner Fagerlie will attend a WPUA meeting this week.
2. Commissioner Aubertin will attend the annual NWPPA conference in Boise in May.
3. Commissioner Kroupa will attend PPC and NRU meetings in Portland during the first week of May.

General Business:

1. Resolution 18-02 "A Resolution Authorizing Agents for Night Depository Agreement" was presented and adopted by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.
2. Resolution 18-03 "A Resolution to Designate Applicant's Agent and Alternate" was presented and adopted by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.
3. Resolution 18-04 "A Resolution to Designate Authorized Signers" was presented and

adopted by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at noon and reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

As Manager John Friederichs is on vacation for the next two weeks, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to appoint Steve VanSlyke Acting Manager from today until he becomes Interim Manager on May 1st. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Attorney Graham re-joined the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

There was no Conservation Report.

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

- 1. Operating Funds available as of April 10, 2018 were \$2,931,715.89 with restricted funds of \$3,119,024.08. There were 32 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 83 compared to 20 for the same period in 2017. 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 presented to the Board. Cost and usage graphs were presented.
- 2. Warrants number 16650 through 16728, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904172 through 904206 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 514, and 516 through 518, in the total amount of \$619,505.75 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Also included was warrant 16678 which was void prior to release.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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