

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 15, 2019

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown confirmed with BPA that their scheduled outage for the Keller area will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> and last from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon. It will affect everyone on the Keller substation. Our crew will use that time to do some work, as well.
2. The crew has been busy with line inspections. They have found work to be done with deficient cut outs, insulators and poles. Checking recloser fault counts has also helped to pinpoint some problem areas.
3. Some work has been identified that needs to be done at the Strassburg and Windsor Substations.
4. The tree crew removed 143 problem trees in March.
5. The pole testing contractor will be here to begin work on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will test 1100 poles and estimate that it will take about three weeks.
6. Superintendent Brown and crew members attended some of the Engineering & Operations Trade Show and Conference that was held in Spokane by the NWPPA. Everyone brought back lots of good information.
7. Commissioner Fagerlie asked how the rock drill is working out. Superintendent Brown said that they are using it quite a bit. There will always be stubborn rock holes that will require blasting, but the drill is working very well.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke and Commissioner Fagerlie will meet with BPA and the Forest Service next week to discuss the transmission line right of way on Sherman.
2. Commissioner Kroupa will be going to Portland to attend PPU and NRU meetings at the end of the month. Commissioner Aubertin will be traveling to Pasco for an Energy Northwest meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie will be attending the monthly WPUDA meeting this week and will also attend the annual NWPPA conference in May.
3. The Republic TV Association may be interested in applying for a loan from the Revolving Loan/Grant Fund. They may require matching funds for a potential broadband grant.
4. Manager VanSlyke continues to investigate automated meter possibilities for the District. He will be meeting this week with Randy Austin of Vision Metering.
5. An applicant for the vacant journeyman lineman position will be interviewed later this month. There have been very few applicants for the position since linemen are in great demand everywhere.
6. After some discussion on the annual cost of living increase, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion that the manager gets the same COLA as everyone else, as was approved last month. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it unanimously carried.
7. Auditor Nush updated the Board on the status of the District's financial statements.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie updated the group on a discussion he had with an AT&T representative about the FirstNet program. It was agreed that Commissioner Fagerlie should try to set up a presentation on it for the Board, and that local fire chiefs should be invited as well since the information could be beneficial for them.

A recess was called at 10:07 a.m. for twenty-three minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Attorney Graham joined the meeting at this time.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 10:30 a.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph g at 10:41 a.m. for thirty minutes to conduct the yearly performance review of a public employee. The Board returned to regular session at 11:11 a.m. and immediately returned to Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 11:26 a.m.

There was no further Attorney’s Report.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pam Allen:

- 1. Operating Funds available as of April 9, 2019 were \$3,384,139.78 with restricted funds of \$3,171,978.92. There were 9 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 22 compared to 83 for the same period in 2018. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were presented.
- 2. The final payment from FEMA for the 2012 windstorm has been received. Auditor Nush discussed the finalization process and the final dollar amounts.

The Auditor’s Report was presented by Sue Nush:

- 1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
- 2. Warrants number 17770 through 17841, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904627 through 904665, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 577, 579, 581 through 583, and 586, in the total amount of \$653,176.19 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. Superintendent Brown exited the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 01:00 p.m.

The Auditor’s Report continued.

- 3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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