

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-President Chris Kroupa at 9:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Chris Kroupa and Doug Aubertin, Attorney Steve Graham, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Commissioner Dan Fagerlie was absent, representing the District at the NWPPA annual conference in Sacramento.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors Rebecca Thompson, Luther Thompson and Stephen Perrin joined the meeting to discuss net metering. Auditor Nush informed the group that a recently passed Washington State law will increase the cap on net metering from .5% to 4% of the Utility's peak demand in the year 1996. The change goes into effect July 28, 2019. Auditor Nush has a waiting list of people who would like to join the program, and they will be added on a first come, first served basis. There may be no state production incentives available as no additional funding has been approved, but there may be some federal incentives. After having some questions answered about BPA, the visitors exited the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown was contacted by BPA the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup> about the need for an outage to remove a tree that was threatening one of their transmission lines on Sherman Pass. Power was taken down at 1:30 p.m. for about an hour.
2. Work has been scheduled for the city substation.
3. The BPA outage for the Keller area is still scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon. The District crew will be replacing two poles there during the outage.
4. The tree crew has been working on the Keller Substation circuit and Kuehne Road, in addition to dealing with danger trees.
5. The City of Republic is almost finished with their street lighting project. Since the new lights belong to the city, the District has labeled the poles to clearly identify the owner. The District will look at the usage on the new lights and review the current lighting rate structure.

A recess was called at 9:56 a.m. for five minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:01 a.m.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham compiled the manager's annual reviews from last month's meeting and the Board approved the final form.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 10:06 a.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:16 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. The upcoming wildfire season was discussed.
2. Resolution 19-02 A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager or His Designee to Sign the Revised Interlocal Agreement Establishing the CWPU Unified Insurance Program Trust and Declaration of Trust was read before the Board. Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.
3. Manager VanSlyke informed the Board that he will present his findings on changing to automated meters at the next Board meeting. He would like for Commissioner Fagerlie to be here for the presentation.
4. Manager VanSlyke commented that he is feeling good about the District's current financial position. Treasurer Allen distributed information to the group about how the Utility's funds are invested, and the interest rates being received.
5. Auditor Nush updated the Board on the status of the District's financial statements.

A recess was called at 10:50 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Superintendent Brown updated the Board on the new journeyman lineman who was hired to fill the vacant position on the crew.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie emailed his update to Treasurer Allen, who provided copies for the group to read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of May 10, 2019 were \$3,174,281.56 with restricted funds of

\$3,178,112.53. There were 6 outages in the month of April, for a year-to-date total of 28 compared to 93 for the same period in 2018. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were presented.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:57 p.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

- 1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
- 2. Warrants number 17842 through 17945, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904666 through 904704, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 584, 585, and 587 through 594, in the total amount of \$773,327.70 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa and unanimously carried.
- 3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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