

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 9:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Dan Fagerlie, Chris Kroupa and Doug Aubertin, Interim Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Visitor Jerred Burbank was also in attendance.

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

Visitors for the Public Comment Period were Gordon McIntyre and Louis Exner.

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

Gordon McIntyre, representing Wings over Republic, informed the Board that while the runway at the Republic Airport is being torn up and repaved later this month, the Utility may want to have a conduit put in under the runway for future use. The only cost would be for the materials. The Board approved the purchase of materials for this purpose. Mr. McIntyre then expressed his opposition to the District changing office hours in September as the Utility is here to serve the public. After distributing sealed envelopes to the commissioners and the manager, Mr. McIntyre exited the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Louis Exner addressed the Board with concerns about the District's irrigation policy and what he has been billed. Mr. Exner did not believe that he should have to pay when problems with his irrigation system prevented him from using it. A discussion followed about the District's policy and the definition of active versus idle irrigation accounts. The Board agreed to make an adjustment to Mr. Exner's bill, and Mr. Exner exited the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

A recess was called at 9:52 a.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Sheriff Ray Maycumber joined the meeting at this time.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The crew worked long hours getting damage from the windstorm repaired and were able to get most areas re-energized within a few days, with isolated areas up by the end of that week.
2. During the scheduled BPA outage on July 28th the crew will fix the bypass done at Lone Ranch during the flooding in May. They will also use that time to replace the Flag Hill recloser.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Commissioner Kroupa will be traveling to Portland at the end of the month to attend NRU and PPC meetings. Commissioner Fagerlie will attend the WPUDA meeting later this week. Commissioner Aubertin will be attending an Energy Northwest meeting.
2. Interim Manager VanSlyke briefly discussed the impact to the District of the court-ordered spill by BPA earlier this spring. Direct charges to the District will be around \$18,000 but there may be additional indirect charges.
3. Initiative 1631, Carbon Emissions Fee and Revenue Allocation, which may be on the ballot this fall, was discussed. Funds collected for the carbon fees will be spent by a governor-appointed board. If passed, any additional costs incurred by the Utility will be passed on to ratepayers.
4. Interim Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the Supreme Court's recent Janus decision and what impact it may have on District employees.
5. Auditor Nush is working with Moss Adams on an engagement letter.
6. The upcoming change to office hours at the District office was discussed. The commissioners have been contacted by a small number of customers who oppose the change. Interim Manager VanSlyke confirmed for Sheriff Maycumber that outage call coverage by the sheriff's office will be extended from eight o'clock to nine o'clock in the morning with the change.

Sheriff Maycumber and Superintendent Brown exited the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Superintendent Brown returned to the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

7. Proposed changes to the travel meal policy and non-travel meal policy were reviewed. The Board asked Auditor Nush to provide additional information for further discussion at the August meeting.

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

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

1. Commissioner Fagerlie, along with Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse, attended a meeting with elected officials from across the state on the Growth Management Act.

Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

The appraisal was received on the six lots in Republic that the Utility does not use. Interim Manager VanSlyke has had some discussions with local realtors about representing the Utility on the proposed sale. After further discussion, the Board directed Treasurer Allen to prepare a resolution to present to the Board after the lunch break to authorize the sale of the lots.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pam Allen:

- 1. Operating Funds available as of June 10, 2018 were \$2,636,636.38 with restricted funds of \$3,130,359.92. There were 39 outages in the month of June, for a year-to-date total of 147 compared to 67 for the same period in 2017. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were presented.

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 16907 through 17029, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904280 through 904316 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 529 and 531 through 533, in the total amount of \$518,976.43 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrants 16915 through 16947 which were voided due to a clerical error prior to release.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 01:00 p.m.

Resolution 18-06 Declaration of Surplus Lots was presented and adopted by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. The resolution authorized the use of a realtor to effect the sale.

The Board briefly reviewed the letters from Bobbi Weller that were delivered earlier in the day by Gordon McIntyre.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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