

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners 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 Aubertin.

Visitor: Ron Gerace

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

Visitor Ron Gerace spoke to the Board about his recent experiences with the District cutting trees at, and near, Winchester RV Park. He felt that the District lied to him about cutting the trees, and that the tree trimmers were disrespectful to him and to his customers. Manager Friederichs pointed out that most of the trees cut were on a neighboring property, not his. Commissioner Fagerlie thanked Mr. Gerace for bringing this to the Board's attention, and said that he would go and look at the trees himself. Mr. Gerace exited the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Kroupa joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Public Comments: Attorney Graham informed the Board of a Facebook post that was critical of the wage published on the advertisement for the journeyman tree trimmer position.

Reports:

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

1. We are still waiting on some equipment repairs for the Windsor Substation.
2. The new metal stairs for the office have been ordered and should be here in a month. Additional work remains to be done on the front of the building.

Attorney Graham presented the Attorney's Report. He discussed notification requirements for special meetings with the Board.

A recess was called at 10:03 a.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

1. The Washington PUD Association is receiving nominations for the annual Walkley scholarship. The nominee from this District, per random drawing of eligible seniors, is Charlie Rittel.

Meetings:

1. Commissioner Fagerlie will attend a TEDD meeting in Colville next week.
2. All three commissioners and Manager Friederichs will attend a legislative luncheon/meeting in Colville in October.
3. Commissioners Aubertin and Kroupa, and Manager Friederichs will attend the annual Nespelem Valley Electric Co-op meeting.
4. Manager Friederichs will attend the WPUA Managers Committee Meeting in Kennewick in October.

Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke exited the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

General Business:

1. Manager Friederichs distributed copies of the utility fuel mix received from the state.
2. An on-call customer service rep is being considered to cover absences.
3. Auditor Nush has sent information on the new state solar incentive program to current solar customers.
4. A Nissan truck has been ordered to replace a Ford that is dying.

Conservation:

1. Some lateral transfers of conservation funds are being done.
2. Manager Friederichs has still not heard back from the school to know if they may qualify for conservation funds.

Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke rejoined the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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

After a discussion on the benefits of appointing Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke as Manager on a provisional basis, Commissioner Kroupa suggested making Mr. VanSlyke the Interim Manager for a year. He can begin training with Manager Friederichs, and attending meetings with John and the commissioners. All three commissioners agreed to this plan.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of September 10, 2017 were \$2,460,052.57 with restricted funds of \$3,063,807.70. There were 19 outages in the month of August, for a year-to-date total of 107 compared to 106 for the same period in 2016. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.

Manager Friederichs and Commissioner Kroupa exited the meeting at 11:28 a.m., and rejoined the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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 16010 through 16106, Direct Payroll Deposits number 903915 through 903951 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 481 through 483, and 485, in the total amount of \$610,921.95 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 01:03 p.m.  
Warehouseman/Mechanic Mike Brown joined the meeting at this time.

3. Review of financial and statistical reports continued.
4. Auditor Nush presented some preliminary budget information for 2018. A discussion followed on capital needs, and on scheduling a budget hearing and a rate hearing.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 1:24 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 1:32 p.m.  
Commissioner Aubertin exited the meeting at 1:25 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.  
Commissioner Kroupa exited the meeting at 1:56 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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