

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
November 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Dan Fagerlie, Chris Kroupa and Doug Aubertin, Attorney Steve Graham, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The draft minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. After a correction, the minutes were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie and unanimously carried.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The crew is completing a new line extension on Horseshoe Lane.
2. The tree crew is coordinating with a local logger to do some power line clearing. It is appreciated when local landowners are willing to work with the Utility.
3. Contractor Todd Young is almost finished with brush clearing.
4. More new meters were received to continue with the Keller AMI Project.
5. Job Corps students will be doing some concrete repair work in the basement of the District office in December. Additional work will be done in the bays next year.

There was no Attorney's Report to present.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Staff have been working with SEDC to identify gaps between UPN and SEDC's new Meridian program. SEDC will either fix the gaps or delay switching the District over to Meridian. They are supposed to give Manager VanSlyke their decision soon, along with a conversion cost estimate for the 2020 Budget, if the conversion is scheduled for next year.
2. Manager VanSlyke has de-listed the lots on Kauffman Street that were declared surplus and put up for sale. The one offer received was substantially less than the assessed value.

Resolution 19-10 A Resolution of Support and Adoption of the Ferry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Resolution 19-09 A Resolution to Write-off Uncollectible Accounts was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

3. Manager VanSlyke is looking into options on the mural. It can be re-painted, re-printed on vinyl, or a new mural created. He will keep the Board informed as he gets more information.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

A recess was called from 10:05 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m.

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 November 10, 2019 were \$3,128,158.85 with restricted funds of \$2,928,785.66. There were 6 outages in the month of October, for a year-to-date total of 125 compared to 193 for the same period in 2018. 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.
2. Warrants number 18409 through 18495, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904911 through 904951, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 630 through 634 and 636, in the total amount of \$540,641.91 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrants number 16086, 16191, 16304, 16679, 16681, 16761, and 16856 in the amount of \$410.58 which were voided as unclaimed warrants, and that same amount was remitted to the Washington State Dept of Revenue electronically as EFT number CA004.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

Attorney Graham rejoined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of a Revolving Loan/Grant Fund meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Revolving Loan/Grant Fund Committee members Katherine Meade and Gail Kuehne joined the meeting at this time. Sheila Weltaert represented the Television Association of Republic in their request for a loan. The Association has applied for a state grant to extend internet infrastructure through more of Ferry County. The project would bring fiber optic cable to Curlew Lake, Malo, Curlew, Curlew School, Job Corps, Gold Hill and Franson Peak. If received, the state grant would cover \$1.8 million of the cost while the Association would have to provide \$200,000. They are requesting a loan in the amount of \$150,000. Committee members thought that the loan paperwork was well done, and that the project would greatly benefit the area. After further discussion, Katherine Meade made a motion to approve a loan with a 13-year payback term, zero percent interest, and up to \$150,000. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. When the Association receives the state grant, they will contact the District for the funds.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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