

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
December 16, 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 and Doug Aubertin, Attorney Will Gieri, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Commissioner Fagerlie was asked about the status of the mural. He explained that the District is investigating options. The ratepayer wants the original mural back.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Options are still being considered for the mural. Some repair work will need to be done to the wall before anything can be put up. The windows on that side of the building will be replaced, also, as moisture has condensed between the double panes.

Commissioner Kroupa joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

2. All employees attended active shooter training as part of December's safety meeting.
3. Old, tattered carpet has been removed from the lower level of the District office building and students from the Job Corps have been grinding out the concrete floor and polishing it. If this works well, the District will have them do additional areas next year.
4. The engine and transmission in the Tucker Sno-Cat are being replaced.
5. Almost all the meters have been replaced in the Keller area. Work continues on the gateways that will transmit the meter readings to the District office.
6. The tree crew continues to work on problem areas. They finished with Pug Loop and the crew reconductored that area.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Will Gieri:

1. Attorney Gieri updated the Board on the status of the Eric Hood settlement.

Attorney Gieri exited the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke discussed current threats and weaknesses. Trees continue to be a threat to the Utility's infrastructure. Where possible, the District is going underground when old lines are being replaced or when new line extensions are being constructed. A discussion followed on the possibility of the District purchasing a used cable plow to use for this work.

A recess was called from 10:03 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:24 a.m.

2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the collective bargaining agreement.

Auditor Nush discussed the proposed 2020 Budget and her methodology in arriving at the numbers.

Resolution 19-11 A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Budget for 2020 was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

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 December 10, 2019 were \$3,252,711.85 with restricted funds of \$2,864,636.23. There were 3 outages in the month of November, for a year-to-date total of 128 compared to 196 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 18496 through 18556, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904952 through 904991, as well as direct deposit respective to warrant number 18525, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 635 and 637 through 640, in the total amount of \$439,015.94 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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