

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Dan Fagerlie, Doug Aubertin and Chris Kroupa, Attorney Steve Graham, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular January meeting, along with the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on January 27th, were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Superintendent Brown is still researching leasing or purchasing a cable plow.
2. The Board reviewed a report showing the progress made on replacing the deficient poles identified in last year's pole testing program. Superintendent Brown is soliciting bids for this year's pole testing circuit. The District is on a ten-year testing cycle.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham updated the Board on proposed changes to federal regulations regarding the incidental death of raptors. There is a 30-day public comment period and Attorney Graham would like to work with Manager VanSlyke to submit a comment. Commissioner Fagerlie requested a copy of the submission.
2. Attorney Graham updated the Board on a public record request made state-wide for certain information on union employees. The District responded as legally required.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on a public record request made by The Seattle Times to the State Department of Retirement Systems. The information requested includes that of District employees.
2. Manager VanSlyke presented a spreadsheet that benchmarks this Utility with eight other Washington PUDs. All agreed that this District does well with its staff and resources compared to the others included in the report. Skamania PUD compiled the information.
3. The Board reviewed the proposed April 1, 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve it, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A recess was called at 10:02 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:21 a.m.

4. The April 1st, 2020 wage schedule with the annual cost of living increase was presented to the Board. After discussion, it was agreed to use the same percentage increase for non-bargaining employees as the bargaining employees receive to keep parity. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the Wage and Salary Administration Schedule No. 37-20 as presented. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Kroupa shared information from the NRU and PPC meetings that he attended in Portland. Commissioner Fagerlie updated the group on the status of some bills being proposed in this year's state legislative session.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of February 10, 2020 were \$3,495,318.29 with restricted funds of \$2,876,252.55. There were 11 outages in the month of January, for a year-to-date total of 11 compared to 12 for the same period in 2019. 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 18665 through 18771, Direct Payroll Deposits number 18615 through 18633 and 905033 through 905054, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 651 through 655, in the total amount of \$647,414.65 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Included in this listing was warrant number 18028 in the amount of \$7.81 which was voided and reissued as warrant number 18712.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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