

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE
May 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present by telephone were Commissioners Dan Fagerlie and Chris Kroupa, Attorney Steve Graham, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

The Flag Salute was led by Dan Fagerlie.

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

Public Comments:

Commissioner Fagerlie was contacted by a ratepayer who complained that some District employees were staying home and getting paid. Commissioner Kroupa said that complaint was uninformed. Commissioner Fagerlie explained that employees were working from home or on standby.

Reports:

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham would like to delay the General Manager's annual evaluation. He has received evaluations from two of the commissioners and will get the third soon and have it compiled for the next Board meeting, which hopefully will be held in person.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke informed the Board that the Utility is working towards getting the lobby re-opened to the public. A glass barrier will be installed at the customer service counter and PPE is available for office employees.
2. A discussion followed on delinquent accounts. Treasurer Allen has seen very few requests for payment arrangements. Governor Inslee's moratorium on disconnects for non-payment expires at the end of May unless the governor extends it. It specifically states that customers are still responsible for paying their bills.
3. District employees are together again and no longer working in two separate groups. All continue to maintain social distance and have PPE available.

Commissioner Aubertin joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m. after difficulty dialing into the WebEx teleconference.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:20 a.m. for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Executive Session was extended for an additional ten minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting.
2. Warrants number 18925 through 19005, Direct Payroll Deposits 905137 through 905177, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 671, 674 through 680, and 682, in the total amount of \$685,101.54 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Included in this listing was warrant #18383 in the amount of \$279.89 which was voided, and the credit issued to the customer's new electric account. Warrants #18980 and #18982 were void prior to issue.
3. Cost and usage graphs were included in the packet mailed to the Board for their review.

Superintendent Brown joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The crew is back to its regular schedule and trying to get back to business as usual, as much as is currently possible.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. The regular Treasurer's reports were mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Operating Funds available as of May 10, 2020 were \$3,409,183.69 with restricted funds of \$2,888,129.10. There were 13 outages in the month of April, for a year-to-date total of 32 compared to 28 for the same period in 2019. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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