

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 18, 2021

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None

The Election of Officers for the next two years was held. Commissioner Kroupa nominated Commissioner Aubertin for the office of President, himself for Vice-President, and Commissioner Fagerlie for Secretary. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Aubertin assumed the role of President for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board's representation on trade organizations was discussed. It was agreed to keep the same representation, as listed below.

WA P.U.D. Association	Fagerlie/Kroupa
P.U.D. Roundtable	Fagerlie/Kroupa
Energy Northwest	Aubertin/Kroupa/Fagerlie
N.W.P.P.A.	Aubertin/Fagerlie
P.P.C.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
N.R.U.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
T.E.D.D.	Fagerlie/Aubertin
Packwood Owners	VanSlyke
WA Assoc of P.U.D. Attorneys	Graham
Revolving Loan/Grant Committee	Aubertin/Fagerlie/Kroupa
F.C. Broadband Action Team	Fagerlie

\*\*Attendance of quarterly meetings only.

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown is awaiting a quote on a cable plow. Finding a used one in good shape appears unlikely, so the District will probably purchase a new one, as budgeted in 2021.
2. The District continues to advertise for a journeyman lineman. Superintendent Brown will begin interviewing applicants soon.
3. Superintendent Brown is also obtaining quotes on pole testing for this summer. Testing was not done last year due to COVID restrictions.
4. Most of the outages for the month were caused by snow loading on the lines and down trees. There were some isolated outages caused by the windstorm last week.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham.

1. Attorney Graham is researching the requirements for a resource management plan under the state's Clean Energy Transformation Act. Since the Utility has fewer than 25,000 customers, and relies solely on Bonneville Power to supply electricity, it is unclear if a plan needs to be submitted.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke reported he is still investigating options on the electric car charger. One company, ChargePoint, would charge between \$7500 and \$11,000 for a charger and would take 10% of the revenue to manage payments on the Cloud. With that amount of capital investment, and the usage the District has seen, he estimates the District would have to charge \$2 per kWh to pay back the investment. Manager VanSlyke is still waiting for the company who provided the original charger to call back to discuss the situation with them.
2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the Keller AMI Project. All meters are now reporting to the gateways and the billing clerk is working with SEDC on importing the meter data into UPN. Once it is totally operational, Manager VanSlyke will provide the Board with a cost analysis. He thinks that it will be favorable.
3. A discussion followed on the financial health of the District. Looking at data for the last six years, all agreed that the Utility has improved each year and is now very sound financially. Given that, Manager VanSlyke believes that the District should begin to spend more money on maintaining and hardening the system. He and Superintendent Brown are also looking at unserved areas where the District might extend power.

The regularly scheduled February Board Meeting will fall on the President's Day Holiday. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to move the meeting to February 16<sup>th</sup>. After some

discussion, Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion, and it unanimously carried.

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 January 10, 2021 were \$3,803,004.40 with restricted funds of \$2,925,331.91. There were 16 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 138 compared to 135 for the same period in 2019. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
- 2. A brief discussion was held on delinquent customers. Treasurer Allen asked the Board to give some thought to what payment arrangement terms the District might want to offer when the governor’s moratorium on disconnects expires.

The voucher listing was mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting.

In Auditor Nush’s absence, Commissioner Fagerlie read the Voucher/Warrant Certification for the month. Warrants number 19576 through 19648, Direct Payroll Deposits 905456 through 905494, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 743 and 746 through 749, and 751, in the total amount of \$497,096.94 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:31 a.m.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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