

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2021

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The District has hired a new journeyman lineman.
2. The pole testing contractor will be on site in May.
3. The new cable plow is supposed to be here by the end of March.
4. Superintendent Brown will be checking regulators on the system, as some have been found that need repair. Simple repairs can be done here, but some may need to be sent out.
5. The District's meter vendor has informed us that due to shortages in microchips and metals, there may be long delays on meter orders. An order has been placed for this year's meter budget so there should be no impact on daily operations.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham.

1. Attorney Graham updated the Board on the current status of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
2. Attorney Graham has revised and re-submitted his public record request to the Department of Commerce for CETA information. He should have it at next month's meeting.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke continued the discussion on meter shortages. While daily operations should not be hurt, it will impact the District's ability to do the next large AMI buildout. He is also hearing about fuel shortages and price increases.
2. Manager VanSlyke talked to Jack Anderson of Plug-In North Central Washington about the problems with the electric car charger. Anderson said that if the inverter does not get fixed, they will pay for power usage. They want to keep the charger here, so they are looking to replace the inverter.
3. The Employee Policies Handbook is being updated. Attorney Graham has been given a draft to review. An update of customer service policies is also underway.

A recess was called at 9:58 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:18 a.m.

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 March 9, 2021 were \$3,786,028.74 with restricted funds of \$2,817,014.81. There were 4 outages in the month of February, for a year-to-date total of 40 compared to 15 for the same period in 2020. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. Treasurer Allen discussed assistance programs that will be required by the Clean Energy Transformation Act. The Department of Commerce is still working on the rules, but she suggested that the District may want to start with updating the income requirements for the Senior Low-Income Discount.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 19724 through 19785, Direct Payroll Deposits number 905534 through 905572, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 757 through 765, in the total amount of \$738,179.11 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.
4. A discussion was held about buying out the mini excavator whose lease period is ending.

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

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The commissioners continued with their reports.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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