

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
July 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Doug Aubertin at 9:00 a.m. Present in person were Commissioners Doug Aubertin, Chris Kroupa and Dan Fagerlie, 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 June meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried.

Visitors: None

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The staking engineer is lining up some construction jobs that will utilize the new cable plow.
2. There were quite a few wind-related outages last month. There were also some lightning strikes.
3. The tree crew has been focusing on the south circuit but are now working on emergency trees.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham.

1. Attorney Graham has finished his review of the draft Employee Policies Handbook. He provided a copy of his suggested changes for review.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke discussed BPA's right-of-way over Sherman Pass. There are some trees left near the transmission lines that were out of the scope of the timber sales. A discussion followed on possible ways to deal with danger trees near the BPA lines.
2. The District has developed procedures to follow if BPA does a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

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 July 10, 2021 were \$3,643,055.70 with restricted funds of \$2,836,665.77. There were 28 outages in the month of June, for a year-to-date total of 108 compared to 55 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. Governor Inslee has announced that Washington State's moratorium on disconnecting customers for non-payment will expire on September 30th. The Utility will begin disconnecting delinquent accounts the first week of October. LIHEAP funds are available again through Rural Resources, as is the Treasury Rent Assistance Program for customers who were financially impacted by the pandemic.

A recess was called at 10:13 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:29 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 20015 through 20087, Direct Payroll Deposits number 905695 through 905735, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 796 through 801, in the total amount of \$572,259.84 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrants 18663, 18793, and 19772 in the amount of \$78.68, \$78.00, and \$72.00 respectively that were voided and re-issued.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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