

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 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, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown updated the Board on the status of the supply chain issues. The District has been fortunate on cable orders. While the price is much higher than before, orders have been filled more quickly than anticipated. All utilities are dealing with a shortage of transformers. Current delivery time on orders is 100 weeks. The District buys refurbished transformers from Valley Transformer and our current order should keep our inventory level normal for now.
2. BPA is requesting an extended outage in June to do repairs at its Republic substation. Superintendent Brown is working with them to find an acceptable date for the area.
3. The crew is working on pole replacements in the Keller area.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke distributed copies of the Ferry County 2020 Census Redistricting of Commissioner Boundaries. There are some minor changes to the current districts.

Commissioner Fagerlie discussed the recent Zoom meeting held with some Okanogan, Ferry and Pend Oreille County PUD commissioners and their state legislators.

A recess was called at 9:31 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 9:47 a.m. Attorney Graham joined the meeting at this time.

There was no Attorney's Report to present.

The discussion about CETA assistance requirements continued, and what funds, if any, to include in the 2022 Budget for it. It was decided to leave additional funding out of the budget and to use existing funds to survey customers to get more information on their need for financial assistance. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve Resolution 21-10 2022 Budget, with the previously proposed \$50,000 for CETA assistance removed from it, and Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion. Resolution 21-10 passed with two aye votes and one abstention.

The scheduled public meeting on the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) was held. After a brief review, Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the CEIP as presented. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 December 10, 2021 were \$3,763,463.48 with restricted funds of \$2863,034.57. There were 9 outages in the month of November, for a year-to-date total of 192 compared to 122 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 informed the Board that William Scott has a large balloon payment due in January to pay off his Revolving Loan.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. Auditor Nush informed the Board that BPA is converting to a new metering system and has a problem with one of their points of delivery to the District. Until they get this resolved, they are unable to provide the District with a November bill.
3. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
4. Warrants number 20418 through 20489, Direct Payroll Deposits number 905900 through 905940, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 834 through 844, in the total amount of \$621,820.76 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 19295 in the amount of \$102.71 that was voided and credited to the returning customer's active account, and warrant number 19786 for \$680.00 that was voided and re-issued.

A recess was called at 11:09 a.m. for ten minutes. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

The Auditor’s Report continued:
5. 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 11:47 a.m.

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