

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 21, 2022

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 February meeting were reviewed and 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. The crew has temporarily stopped replacing poles in the Keller area until the mud dries up.
2. Superintendent Brown got a quote from Alamon for pole testing this year. They will finish testing poles in the Keller area and then move on to the Toroda Creek area for this year's testing cycle.
3. Customers on the Keller Substation are being notified about the May 6<sup>th</sup> BPA outage.

There was no Attorney's Report to present.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. The District received a response from Lisa Brown to the letter sent to her last month by the Board expressing their concerns about the low-income assistance requirements in CETA. Commissioner Fagerlie distributed copies of her letter.
2. Washington State is asking for cost estimates for the infrastructure and distribution upgrades that would be needed in this area to support their future requirements for electric vehicles. Commissioner Fagerlie pointed out that there are still many houses in Ferry County that do not even have electricity.
3. Superintendent Brown distributed copies of the district's vegetation management and fire mitigation plan. It is still a work in progress and additional sections will be added later.
4. Manager VanSlyke proposed making changes to the beginning pay steps for some non-bargaining positions in order to have the same percentage range on them all. He also presented the annual pay increases for non-union employees for approval. The same percentage increase is used as is contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve Wage and Salary Administration Schedule No. 39-22 and Position and Salary Evaluation for Schedule 38-21 as proposed. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:30 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 10, 2022 were \$4,066,536.21 with restricted funds of \$2,880,725.44. There were 6 outages in the month of February, for a year-to-date total of 12 compared to 40 for the same period in 2021. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 20663 through 20723, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906023 through 906063, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 861 through 865 and 867 through 870, in the total amount of \$831,053.55 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

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

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners' reports continued.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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