

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 17, 2023

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

Visitors: State Auditors Steven Gadd and Cinthya Medina joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown received a quote from only one pole testing contractor, Alamon. Testing should start next month.
2. The new galvanized trailer for the mini excavator should be here within the next month.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 9:12 a.m. until 9:25 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 a.m.

Attorney's Report: There was no Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke informed the Board that an employee, who is an engineering aide, will be leaving the District soon. Manager VanSlyke plans to assign his job duties to other employees and not fill the position at this time.

A recess was called at 9:40 a.m. for fifteen minutes. The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

Steven Gadd and Cinthya Medina from the Washington State Auditor's Office joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the results of the 2019-2021 Financial & Accountability Audit of the District. The audit period covered three years due to scheduling difficulties within the State Auditor's Office. Mr. Gadd went through exit recommendations for improvements in some areas, and the District received a clean audit. The audit results will be published on the SAO's website. Both auditors exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The Manager's Report continued:

2. Manager VanSlyke and Commissioner Kroupa recently attended a BPA Provider of Choice Public Workshop in Spokane. BPA's preference power sales policy and potential agreements that may go into effect in 2028 were discussed. There are many unknowns at this time.
3. Manager VanSlyke has analyzed line extension costs since the District changed to actual time and materials from the previous cost per foot. Now that material prices have stabilized, he would like to return to the cost per foot method as it is less cumbersome for the District and for customers and still effectively covers District costs. Manager VanSlyke also recommended increasing the minimum price for shorter line extensions. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to change the line extension policy to the proposed cost per foot prices and to increase minimum charges. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. Attorney Graham exited the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.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 April 10, 2023 were \$4,359,391.47 with restricted funds of \$2,937,004.35. There were 8 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 23 compared to 18 for the same period in 2022. 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 21658 through 21729, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906556 through 906596, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 970 and 972 through 974, in the total amount of \$652,859.79 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, 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.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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