

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa 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. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting remotely.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular May meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, 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. Manager VanSlyke and Superintendent Brown have been performing substation audits.
2. Superintendent Brown reminded the group that BPA has notified the District that it will need a scheduled outage for the Keller area on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. Alamon, the pole-testing contractor, is not on site yet.

There was no Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke has begun looking at replacements for the outdated office phone system and is looking for one that is capable of auto dialing customers to contact them about planned outages. District staff will be including an insert with a future monthly bill asking customers to provide current phone numbers, as many phone numbers in the customer database are no longer in service.
2. Manager VanSlyke provided an update on the AMI meter project. The gateways that have been installed to communicate with the meters are covering a wide area of the District now and funds will be budgeted over the next few years to complete the project throughout the service area.

A recess was called at 9:50 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:10 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 June 10, 2023 were \$4,429,208.44 with restricted funds of \$2,946,955.16. There were 25 outages in the month of May, for a year-to-date total of 52 compared to 42 for the same period in 2022. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. Treasurer Allen has revised the wording on Delinquent Notices to provide information to customers about utility shutoffs during extreme heat.
3. Treasurer Allen reviewed the circumstances of the Jonathan Robbins line extension loan, and that she believes that it should be written off as uncollectible on the District's books. Attorney Graham agrees that the property value is less than what it would cost the District to foreclose on it. The Board agreed, understanding that the lien on the property still exists.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 21807 through 21882, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906638 through 906678, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 984, 985, and 987 through 993, in the total amount of \$670,527.61 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 11:10 a.m.

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