

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 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 June 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. Alamon has completed the pole testing scheduled for this year.
2. Superintendent Brown reminded the group that BPA has scheduled an outage for the Keller area on September 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Recently signed ESHB 1329, which places a moratorium on residential shutoffs for inability to pay during a National Weather Service heat-related warning, advisory, or alert was discussed. Some changes to a draft resolution to establish a policy were requested by the Board.

A recess was called at 10:02 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Steve Graham joined the meeting remotely at 10:24 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke provided an update on the AMI meter project. Coverage on the remaining seasonal customers is being reviewed with the next step being to convert these accounts to regular residential accounts.
2. Manager VanSlyke has submitted a pre-application for federal grant money that is directed towards small utilities. A full application will follow if selected to continue in the process. Funds are being requested to upgrade substations and to extend backbone power into additional service areas as power demands in the District continue to increase.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham has been researching the use of automated calls by utilities to provide information to customers about events like planned power outages.

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, 2023 were \$4,482,997.85 with restricted funds of \$2,951,683.95. There were 14 outages in the month of June, for a year-to-date total of 66 compared to 56 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 21883 through 21947, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906679 through 906719, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 994 through 1000, in the total amount of \$511,612.59 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrant number 21310 which was voided and credited to the returning customer's active service account, warrant number 21785 which was voided and reissued in the amount of \$1,587.60, and warrant number 21871 which was voided and issued as two separate warrants totaling \$3,048.33.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

After making the requested changes, Resolution 23-03 A Resolution to Establish a Heat Advisory Policy was presented to the Board. The resolution establishes a policy for the District to follow when the National Weather Service has either issued a heat-related alert or announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, with regards to residential customers who have been disconnected for non-payment. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

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