

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
August 21, 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 and Chris Kroupa, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Commissioner Dan Fagerlie joined the meeting remotely.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular July meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, 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. A Vision gateway has been installed on Strawberry Mountain near Lost Lake. When it is operational, it will read AMI meters in the Bonaparte and Lost Lake area.
2. The Job Corps crew has returned to finish some concrete work at the shop.
3. In September, the District will have its annual aerial inspection.
4. The Colville Tribe has contacted BPA requesting an outage for the Tribe to burn vegetation near the BPA transmission line. BPA has already scheduled an outage on September 27th for maintenance at their substation, but September is too early for a controlled burn. Superintendent Brown will find out if BPA may delay the September outage in order to combine the work and have one outage, or if BPA will proceed with their September 27th outage.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Energy Northwest is asking its members to support a study they are conducting on bringing new nuclear generation to Washington State and the Pacific Northwest. Besides letters of interest, they are requesting funding to further their study. After discussion, Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to authorize Commissioner Kroupa, as Board President, to sign a letter on behalf of the Board in support of Energy Northwest's study. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Manager VanSlyke will draft a letter.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. 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 August 10, 2023 were \$4,472,619.35 with restricted funds of \$2,956,994.77. There were 27 outages in the month of July, for a year-to-date total of 93 compared to 76 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 21948 through 22027, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906720 through 906759, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1001 through 1010 and 1012, in the total amount of \$638,531.46 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 21385 which was voided and reissued in the amount of \$75.00.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

Steve Graham joined the meeting remotely at 11:00 a.m.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 11:03 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

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

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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