

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
October 16, 2023

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

Visitors: Tristan Romero, Lori Salisbury, Robert Moore, and Gina Romero

President Chris Kroupa arrived at 9:03 a.m. and assumed control of the meeting.

Public Comments: Robert Moore recently purchased two properties in the District's service area. He is upset that a District employee came onto his properties and changed the existing meters to new smart meters. He would like to have the old meters returned. A discussion followed on AMI meters and why the District is changing to them. No decision was made at this time on allowing an exception. The visitors exited the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

A recess was called from 9:54 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

The scheduled budget hearing was held. Auditor Nush discussed how she arrived at figures in the proposed Budget. Some figures still need to be firmed up, but no rate increases are being requested for 2024. No vote was held on the Budget at this time.

A recess was called from 11:03 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:21 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Job Corps students have finished working for the season. Four bays at the truck shop have been finished with three remaining. These will be finished next year.
2. The Colville Tribe has completed their vegetation burning without needing BPA to take an outage.
3. Superintendent Brown updated the Board on material purchases. Prices continue to go up with long lead times for delivery.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 11:33 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m. and recessed for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. The Board went back into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 1:00 p.m. until 1:10 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 1:10 p.m.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke was contacted by the State Auditor's Office to discuss their upcoming CETA compliance audit of the District.
2. Staff continue to work on the federal grant application.

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 October 10, 2023 were \$4,740,016.77 with restricted funds of \$2,968,506.83. There were 17 outages in the month of September, for a year-to-date total of 136 compared to 130 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 22110 through 22197, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906799 through 906837, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1017 through 1020, in the total amount of \$513,056.83 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrants number 20119, 20165, 20166, 20195, 20376, 20509, 20512, 20644, 20705, and 22792 in the amount of \$1,946.67 which were voided as unclaimed warrants, and that same amount was remitted to the Washington State Department of Revenue electronically as EFT number CA007.
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 1:45 p.m.

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