

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
November 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-President Dan Fagerlie at 9:05 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 October meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried.

Visitors: Scott Schultz, Rhonda Schultz, Charlene Payton Holt, and Steven Holt

President Chris Kroupa arrived at 9:07 a.m. and assumed control of the meeting.

Public Comments: Scott and Rhonda Schultz received notification from the District that they were billed incorrectly over a number of years and are now responsible for the amount that was underbilled. They dispute the amount of electricity they are being charged for as they believe their property cannot use that much. After discussion, it was agreed that the District will install equipment to check the meter for accuracy. The visitors exited the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

A recess was called from 10:22 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The outage at the beginning of the month was caused by a tree on BPA's line on Sherman Pass. Their crew had to travel from Sandpoint, Idaho to fix it. The settings on their substation were set incorrectly, causing several bumps when reconnecting the load. BPA will adjust their settings.

Attorney's Report: There was no Attorney's Report. Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke and Commissioner Kroupa attended the Annual Legislative Luncheon in Colville with surrounding PUDs and state legislators who represent this area.

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 November 10, 2023 were \$4,548,401.84 with restricted funds of \$2,973,397.05. There were 7 outages in the month of October, for a year-to-date total of 143 compared to 138 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. Resolution 23-05 A Resolution to Write Off Uncollectible Accounts was presented to the Board. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 22198 through 22283, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906906 through 906837, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1021 through 1028 and 1030, in the total amount of \$538,468.42 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Direct Deposits were never issued for sequence 906837 through 906905 due to a clerical error.
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 2:10 p.m.

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