

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
January 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Aubertin at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Doug Aubertin, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Commissioners Dan Fagerlie and Chris Kroupa joined the meeting remotely. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Auditor Sue Nush was unable to attend.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular December meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.

Visitors: Emily Burt and Arwen Woolley representing the Friends of the Republic Library.

Public Comments: The Friends of the Republic Library are seeking a letter of support from the Board for the new library and community center they are trying to build. Manager VanSlyke has drafted one. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to authorize Commissioner Aubertin to sign the letter of support written by Manager VanSlyke. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and all approved. The Friends will also be seeking a grant from the Revolving Loan/Grant Fund and were advised to work with Manager VanSlyke on the application before submitting it to the Fund Committee. Emily and Arwen exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. During an energy audit for a customer with high usage, Superintendent Brown found several heat lamps in use. Heat lamps consume more energy than most people realize.
2. The crew continues to work on pole replacements.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke discussed how the increased load from extremely cold weather last weekend caused a substation transformer to fail and have to be replaced. Funds from the grant that the District applied for, if received, will be used to upgrade District substations. Some District funds have been budgeted this year to begin the process.

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

A recess was called from 10:06 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:25 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 January 9, 2024 were \$4,738,875.53 with restricted funds of \$2,987,474.83. There were 6 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 157 compared to 164 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 regularly scheduled February Board Meeting will fall on the President's Day Holiday. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Auditor's Report was mailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

1. The voucher listing was reviewed by the Board.
2. Warrants number 22350 through 22415, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906984 through 907022, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1034 through 1038, in the total amount of \$597,775.04 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 21625 which was voided and reissued in the amount of \$34.06.
3. Cost and usage graphs were included in the mailed packet.

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

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

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