

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Kroupa at 9:01 a.m. Present 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 was unable to attend.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: Rhonda Schultz joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The crew has been changing out poles down south.
2. The District is getting the final permits needed for the 10 Mile Access Trail Project.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke received a letter from WPUDA announcing that local high school senior Aleena Maycumber was awarded their 2024 WPUDA Educational Scholarship. Her father, Marty, is a journeyman tree-trimmer for the District. Commissioner Fagerlie will notify her of the award.
2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the no-cost allowances allocated to the Utility under the Climate Commitment Act. After discussion, the Board directed Manager VanSlyke to sell the allowances at the next auction, if possible.

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

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 March 10, 2024 were \$4,382,252.63 with restricted funds of \$3,002,943.70. There were 9 outages in the month of February, for a year-to-date total of 20 compared to 15 for the same period in 2023. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

Resolution 24-01 A Resolution to Update the District Employee Policies Handbook was presented to the Board. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A recess was called at 9:57 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Customer Rhonda Schultz joined the meeting at this time to discuss her electric bill. Last fall, the District discovered that the Schultzes' CT meter was supposed to be billed with a 40 multiplier. This resulted in a large billing error. At the time the error was discovered, the existing meter was changed to a new AMI meter and as per District practice, the old meter was junked. The Schultzes dispute the accuracy of the old meter and the billing adjustment. After discussion, Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion that in lieu of having the old meter available to test, the Board authorizes Steve VanSlyke and Steve Graham to negotiate with the Schultzes and come up with a payment schedule. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Rhonda Schultz exited the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 22506 through 22574, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907062 through 907100, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1046 through 1051 and 1053, in the total amount of \$1,063,770.30 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.
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 was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Utility District Number One  
Ferry County, Washington

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