

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 9:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Doug Aubertin, Chris Kroupa and Dan Fagerlie, Manager John Friederichs, Engineer/Superintendent Steve VanSlyke, Auditor Sue Nush, Treasurer Pam Allen, and Warehouseman/Mechanic Mike Brown. Will Gieri attended for Attorney Steve Graham.

All stood for the Flag Salute which was led by Commissioner Fagerlie.

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

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Engineer/Superintendent's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. The crew has been cutting trees. After reviewing outages for the year, Mr. VanSlyke has determined that the Empire Creek and Bonaparte Lake areas will be given priority this year on the tree trimming circuit.
2. The lease is expiring for the mini-excavator that the District has been leasing from Western States Equipment. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve a lease for a new mini-excavator. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
3. The two trucks that the District surplused have been sold. High bidder on the flatbed pickup was William Wallish. The tree trimming truck went to Kendall Deaton.
4. The crew has been cutting trees and doing maintenance work.

Board representation to the various trade organizations was discussed. At this time, the only changes will be to make Commissioner Fagerlie the voting delegate on the WPUDA Energy Committee, with Commissioner Kroupa the alternate delegate.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Will Gieri.

1. Mr. Gieri updated the Board on the lawsuit filed against David Baker and Kettle River Industries.
2. Mr. Gieri informed the Board about some new interpretations on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

A recess was called at 9:35 a.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

1. Correspondence received since the last meeting was briefly discussed.

Meetings:

1. Rescheduling the next Board meeting was discussed. As February 19<sup>th</sup> is a holiday, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to hold the meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.
2. Commissioner Kroupa will be attending NRU and PPC meetings in Portland at the end of January.

General Business:

1. Manager Friederichs discussed a proposed Washington State bill that would require the use of collective bargaining wages to calculate prevailing wages. State requirements that the District pay prevailing wages on contracts can more than double the cost to the District and limit bids on projects as some local contractors do not want to deal with all the paperwork that the state requires.

Conservation:

1. Conservation funds are being used for heat pumps and window replacement. Funds are still available for new projects.

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of January 9, 2018 were \$2,340,066.03 with restricted funds of \$3,094,687.42. After correcting a spreadsheet error, there were 16 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 174 compared to 151 for the same period in 2016. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.

Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke exited the meeting at 11:03 a.m., returning at 11:06 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was reviewed with the Board and questions answered. Cost and usage graphs were reviewed.

2. Warrants number 16403 through 16484, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904062 through 904098 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 499 and 501 through 503, in the total amount of \$542,179.93 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Also included was warrant 16434, which was void prior to release.
3. Auditor Nush reviewed financial and statistical reports, including the 2017 budget. Expenditures for the year are within approved budget amounts.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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