

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 8:59 a.m. Present were Commissioners Chris Kroupa, Doug Aubertin and Dan Fagerlie, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

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

Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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

The Election of Officers was held. Commissioner Kroupa nominated Commissioner Fagerlie for the office of President. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. After discussion, Commissioner Aubertin expressed his preference to remain as Secretary. Commissioner Kroupa revised his previous motion and nominated Commissioner Fagerlie for the office of President and nominated himself for the office of Vice-President. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. Commissioner Fagerlie assumed the role of President for the remainder of the meeting.

Visitors: None.

There were no public comments presented.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown has been talking to pole testing contractors. Last year, the selected contractor was unable to fit us into their schedule, so he wants to get into the lineup early this year. A discussion followed on various pole testing methods.
2. Superintendent Brown and Manager VanSlyke have been researching fixes for the concrete degradation at the city substation. The concrete is structurally sound but flaking off. They are looking at a coating to repair and protect the surface.
3. Some substation reclosers will be sent off for maintenance work.
4. Good weather has enabled the crew to continue their work on the system. They are currently replacing poles on the Diamond Bell Tap near Wauconda.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:37 a.m. for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:07 a.m.

A recess was called at 10:08 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:27 a.m.

There was no further Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. The annual employee appreciation dinner will be held the evening of January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
2. An ad has been placed on the NWPPA website for a journeyman lineman.
3. The mural on the south side of the District office building was discussed. There is a significant amount of paint that has peeled off the wall. Manager VanSlyke will investigate options for repairing or replacing the mural.
4. The Board will hold a meeting of the Revolving Loan Committee after next month's regular meeting to discuss the existing bylaws and possible new committee members.
5. An accounting temp has been retained to help with getting the books caught up.

Resolution 19-01 A Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Disposition of the Same was read before the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

The Board's representation on trade organizations was discussed. It was agreed to keep the same representation, as listed below, with the addition of Commissioner Fagerlie as another alternate to Energy Northwest.

WA P.U.D. Association	Fagerlie/Kroupa
P.U.D. Roundtable	Fagerlie/Kroupa
Energy Northwest	Aubertin/Kroupa/Fagerlie
N.W.P.P.A.	Aubertin/Fagerlie
P.P.C.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
N.R.U.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
T.E.D.D.	Fagerlie/Aubertin
Packwood Owners	VanSlyke
WA Assoc of P.U.D. Attnys	Graham
Revolving Loan/Grant Committee	Aubertin/Fagerlie/Kroupa

\*\*Attendance of quarterly meetings only.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie discussed an upcoming survey planned by the Ferry County Broadband Action Team to assess internet availability and usage in the county. Commissioner Fagerlie also updated the Board on some proposed bills for this state legislative session. The January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled to discuss the BPA's right of way over Sherman Pass was postponed due to the federal government shutdown.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:59 p.m.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of January 10, 2019 were \$2,994,074.29 with restricted funds of \$3,153,806.48. There were 9 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 205 compared to 173 for the same period in 2017. Many of the 2018 outages were due to heavy snow storms in January of that year. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were presented.
2. Treasurer Allen presented proposed changes to the customer service policy for the Board to consider.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board. Cost and usage graphs were presented.
2. Warrants number 17497 through 17592, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904512 through 904548 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 559, and 561 through 565, in the total amount of \$502,421.43 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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