

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
March 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 8:56 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 Brown.

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

There were no visitors.

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

There were no public comments.

Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Reports:

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

1. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. VanSlyke will proceed with hiring an apprentice tree trimmer instead of a journeyman.
2. Mr. Brown discussed vehicle repairs. The District will be using local shops, when possible, to do vehicle maintenance for the next six months.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham updated the group on a petition for redress filed last year after a Washington State PERS audit. The State has yet to respond.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:42 a.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 9:52 a.m.

A recess was called at 9:53 a.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

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

Meetings:

1. Manager Friederichs and Deputy Auditor Marilee Kuehne went to a CWPU meeting in Spokane. Manager Friederichs shared some of the issues discussed during the meeting.
2. Commissioner Fagerlie will attend a WPUA telecom meeting in Spokane in May.
3. Engineer/Superintendent VanSlyke will also go to Spokane that week for a WPUA Managers Committee meeting.
4. Commissioner Aubertin will attend the annual NWPPA conference in Boise. NWPPA has graciously offered to waive the conference registration fee due to issues at last year's conference.
5. Several District employees are schedule to attend NWPPA training classes throughout the rest of the year.
6. Commissioner Aubertin will attend a meeting of the Energy Northwest Board in April.
7. Commissioner Kroupa will attend PPC and NRU meetings in Portland during the first week of May.

General Business:

1. Manager Friederichs presented the Board with a new wage and salary schedule that reflects a 2.1% COLA.

Conservation:

1. There are some requests for assistance on heat pumps. Commissioner Fagerlie asked if a particular local business might qualify for help through the program but BPA has twice examined the building and was unable to come up with anything that would work.

Resolution 18-01 "A Resolution of Appreciation" thanking Manager Friederichs for his years of service at the Utility was presented and adopted by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie and unanimously carried. Mr. Friederichs will be retiring at the beginning of May.

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 March 10, 2018 were \$2,624,490.38 with restricted funds of \$3,107,568.40. There were 9 outages in the month of February, for a year-to-date total of 51 compared to 12 for the same period in 2017. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.

A recess was called at 11:23 a.m. for ten minutes. The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

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 16585 through 16649, Direct Payroll Deposits number 904136 through 904171 and Electronic Fund Transfers number 509, 511, 512, 513, and 515, in the total amount of \$571,039.53 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried. Also included was warrant 16647 which was void prior to release.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Discussion of the Auditor's Report continued.

The Board recessed at 1:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of Revolving Loan Committee Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Aubertin, Kroupa, and Fagerlie, Manager Friederichs, Engineer/Superintendent Steve VanSlyke, and Committee Member Gail Kuehne present.

Also present were applicants Ferry County Commissioner Nathan Davis and Tom Williams. Visitor Marshall Sumerlin was also in attendance.

Applicant Tom Williams met with the Committee to request a loan to replace baseboard heaters and air conditioners at the Klondike Motel. After some discussion, it was agreed that Tom will get some firm pricing on heat pump installations, will talk with Ed Forsman on rebate possibilities, and then will return to the Revolving Loan Committee with additional information.

Ferry County Commissioner Nathan Davis presented a proposal to fund a part-time county position that will work with Ferry County Sunrise, a county sponsored project to recruit new businesses and residents to Ferry County. After some discussion, a motion to make a \$5,000.00 grant to the proposed project was made by Gail Kuehne, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa and unanimously carried.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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