

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 19, 2021

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None

There were no public comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The pole testing contractor started work last week. Alamon will be testing poles in the service area south of Silver Creek.
2. Superintendent Brown received complaints from a customer regarding some trees that the District took down near a substation feeder. A discussion followed on the need to remove hazard trees and maintain safe clearance, and the need to communicate clearly with customers.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:26 a.m. for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 9:47 a.m.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham.

1. Attorney Graham updated the Board on the current status of the Frontier bankruptcy. Business publications say that they are expected to emerge from bankruptcy soon, probably withing the next month.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke has been talking to BPA about the Utility's election on renewable energy credits. These cannot be banked towards the District's future CETA requirements, but the District should be able to use future energy credits for CETA. He also discussed with them the ownership of the local BPA substation.
2. Manager VanSlyke was contacted by a local realtor about the lots on Kauffman Street that the Board declared surplus in 2018. With local real estate sales up, the realtor believes he can find a buyer.

A recess was called at 10:01 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:23 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 April 10, 2021 were \$3,809,421.69 with restricted funds of \$2,821,839.06. There were 11 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 51 compared to 19 for the same period in 2020. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. Treasurer Allen was informed by Rural Resources that they have a new program to help certain renters who are delinquent on their power bill. A letter will be mailed with Rural Resources' contact information to customers who may qualify.
3. Treasurer Allen is still waiting for more information from the Department of Commerce on CETA assistance requirements.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 19786 through 19865, Direct Payroll Deposits number 905573 through 905612, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 766 through 775, in the total amount of \$711,060.55 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.
4. The District received a clean audit of leasehold excise taxes from the Department of Revenue.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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