

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Dan Fagerlie, Chris Kroupa and Doug Aubertin, Manager John Friederichs, Auditor Sue Nush, Engineer/Superintendent Steve VanSlyke, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

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

Visitors: Katherine Meade, Stonerose Director

The minutes of the May meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.

Katherine Meade met with the Board to request assistance in removing some elm trees in front of the Stonerose Interpretive Center. The trees are diseased and some branches have fallen. Since the property is owned by the City of Republic, the Board directed her to have the City send an interagency request for assistance. The District's tree-trimmers will also have to evaluate the trees to see if they can safely remove them. Director Meade thanked the Board for its time and exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Reports:

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

1. The Keller outage on June 5<sup>th</sup> went longer than planned due to Bonneville Power having equipment issues.
2. Regulators have been ordered for the Strassburg Substation to replace the ones damaged by the squirrel last month. The District does have some rebuilt spares on hand.

Mr. VanSlyke was thanked for his time and he exited the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Auditor Nush discussed the dismissal of the Rumburg lawsuit based on her discussion with Attorney Scott Cifrese.

The Manager's Report was presented by John Friederichs:

Correspondence:

1. A claim was received from a customer, Richard Logan, for damages he believes were caused by voltage issues.

Meetings:

1. Commissioner Fagerlie will be attending a WPUDA meeting in July in Port Angeles. He will attend a TEDD meeting later this week.
2. Manager Friederichs will be attending a meeting with the US Forest Service, Bonneville Power and other agencies to discuss BPA's right-of-way on its transmission lines. He will also be attending a CWPU meeting at Grant County PUD regarding future union negotiations.
3. Commissioner Kroupa and Manager Friederichs will be attending NRU meetings in Portland in August.

A thirty minute recess was called at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting reconvening at 10:29 a.m.

Resolution 16-04 "A Resolution of Appreciation" was adopted and presented to Customer Service Representative Joyce Dunn thanking her for her time at the Utility. Mrs. Dunn will be retiring at the end of June. Refreshments were enjoyed by District personnel.

Attorney Graham met with the Board by phone with the Attorney's Report.

1. He has sent a letter to the customer who has stopped paying on his line extension loan.
2. The Board asked Attorney Graham to draft an indemnity agreement for the District to use if they proceed with removing the elm trees for the City of Republic.

General Business:

1. Manager Friederichs is working with BPA, the State Dept of Commerce, AMERESCO, and Northwest Edison on a possible LED lighting program.
2. Manager Friederichs is also investigating the possibility of a corporate sponsor paying to install a vehicle charging station in Republic.
3. A change has been made to the District's VEBA policy allowing retiring employees to cash out their remaining personal leave time to their VEBA account.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Kroupa:

1. Nothing to report.

Commissioners Fagerlie and Aubertin:

1. Presented information from the NWPPA meeting that they attended in Tulalip last month.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

1. Operating Funds available as of June 10, 2016 were \$2,021,074.74 with restricted funds of \$2,962,125.73. There were 21 outages in the month of May for a year-to-date total of 58 compared to 68 for the same period in 2015. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were reviewed.
2. Terri Kammers has been hired to fill the vacant Deputy Treasurer position. She will start in July.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was reviewed with the Board and questions answered. Warrants Number 13803 through 13912, direct payroll deposits number 903325 through 903363, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 404 through 408, in the total amount of \$753,576.14 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin and unanimously carried.
2. Arika Kurtz has been hired as the Relief Customer Service Representative.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch reconvening at 1:00 p.m. Manager Friederichs was not in attendance for the afternoon session.

Commissioner Kroupa reported that a customer contacted him with the suggestion that the Utility put an automated message on its phone with outage information. Auditor Nush is currently looking into ways to improve communication during outages.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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