

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 18, 2022

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Kroupa was contacted by a customer who said that a District employee drove through his hayfield and new seeding of grain. Upon investigation, it turned out to be an employee of the District's contract pole tester, Alamon.

Commissioner Fagerlie was contacted by a customer who was upset that the District took down its electric vehicle charging station. Commissioner Fagerlie explained that the charging station did not belong to the Utility and that the owner took it down and was attempting to find another location for it.

**Reports:**

Attorney's Report: There was no Attorney's Report.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The District is still trying to get more transformers.
2. The pole testing contractor, Alamon, has completed their testing but Superintendent Brown has not seen the results yet.
3. The District has finished its work on the fairgrounds project.
4. Attorney Graham asked about a structure that he saw on a power pole near the airport. It is an avian deflector that is rounded to keep birds from building nests on the pole. Nests on electric utility structures can be deadly for the birds and can potentially cause fires.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the WPUA General Managers' Meeting that he attended. One of the biggest concerns is if utilities will be able to find the capacity to handle the load that will be required by Washington's State's push to electrify everything. Besides the push to change over to electric vehicles, the State is changing building codes to exclude natural gas in new construction. Governor Inslee's support for removing the Lower Snake River Dams could further reduce the supply of carbon-free electricity available and increase the cost of power.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

A recess was called from 10:03 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 July 10, 2022 were \$3,901,571.17 with restricted funds of \$2,906,059.31. There were 14 outages in the month of June, for a year-to-date total of 56 compared to 108 for the same period in 2021. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 20947 through 21007, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906187 through 906227, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 892 and 897 through 901, in the total amount of \$641,886.59 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.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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