

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 15, 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, 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 October meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried.

Visitors: There were no visitors.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Aubertin was contacted by a customer who was concerned about some trees on his property that could fall into the power line. A discussion followed about what trees the District will remove to protect its structures. Superintendent Brown will contact the customer and look at the trees himself.

**Reports:**

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown has been going to the District's radio repeater sites to make sure they are ready for winter.
2. Inventory levels are being evaluated. Superintendent Brown received a quote on cable that is almost double what it has cost in the past. Order quantities may have to be adjusted due to the increased prices.
3. The board was shown a video of the cable plow at work on a job. Construction work for this season is almost at an end due to the weather changes and because the District is low on materials.

There was no Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. A conference call was held with BPA regarding their right of way over Sherman Pass. They are pushing to expand the clearance area from 100 feet total to 100 feet on each side of the line.

A recess was called at 9:56 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:19 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 November 9, 2021 were \$3,689,747.17 with restricted funds of \$2,857,846.82. There were 5 outages in the month of October, for a year-to-date total of 183 compared to 110 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. Resolution 21-09 A Resolution to Write Off Uncollectible Accounts was presented to the Board. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer Allen provided the Board with additional information about the assistance section of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). While no rate increase is being requested for the 2022 budget, eventually all customers will have to pay a monthly surcharge to cover it. If numbers provided by the Department of Commerce are accurate, this District will have the highest impact per customer in the entire state.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 20340 through 20417, Direct Payroll Deposits number 905859 through 905899, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 827 through 833, in the total amount of \$504,150.06 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrant numbers 18242, 18712, 18913, and 18981 in the amount of \$85.02 that were voided as unclaimed warrants, and that same amount was remitted to the Washington State Dept of Revenue's Unclaimed Property Section.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

Manager VanSlyke led a discussion on a draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan for the District. By January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, each consumer-owned utility must develop and submit to the Department of Commerce a four-year clean energy implementation plan for the standards established under RCW 19.405, the Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act. Manager VanSlyke went through his draft report with the Board, and a public hearing will be held at the December Board meeting for public input prior to the report being submitted.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m. Attorney Graham exited the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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