

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 21, 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, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting remotely at 9:30 a.m.

Visitor Michael Sternberg joined the meeting as a board member representing Stonerose.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Public Comments:

Mr. Sternberg wished to further discuss the District's security deposit policy. The policy handbook says that the deposit will be applied to the account after a satisfactory payment record has been completed. Mr. Sternberg asked how satisfactory is defined. Treasurer Allen said that it means that payments are made every month in full and on time. Mr. Sternberg still believes that it is an unfair policy, and while not wanting an exception, believes that the policy should be changed to make it less onerous to businesses. After further discussion on why the policy is in place and how the billing program works, the Board made no changes at this time. Mr. Sternberg exited the meeting.

Attorney Graham joined the meeting remotely at 9:30 a.m.

A recess was called from 9:41 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

Washington State Auditor Tom Bernard joined the meeting remotely at 10:00 a.m. to discuss a CETA compliance audit of the District that will be held in either the first or second quarter of 2023. Auditor Bernard exited the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Reports:

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

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. A commercial utility drone has been purchased. An employee will be sent to Portland in January for training and licensing.
2. Cold weather has stopped work on the new concrete floor in the truck bay at the shop.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. After the purchase of the new drone, there are still some remaining FEMA funds. Manager VanSlyke would like to use them to purchase a used vehicle that would be available for the drone operator and staking activity. The Board approved the purchase.
2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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 10, 2022 were \$3,606,728.66 with restricted funds of \$2,911,829.61. There were 7 outages in the month of October, for a year-to-date total of 138 compared to 183 for the same period in 2021. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

Resolution 22-08 A Resolution to Write Off Uncollectible Accounts was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. Attorney Graham exited the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. Auditor Nush updated the Board on the proposed 2023 Budget.

A recess was called at 1:17 a.m. for ten minutes. The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

2. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
3. Warrants number 21254 through 21373, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906351 through 906391, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 926, 928 through 933, and 935 through 938, in the total amount of \$839,674.14 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrant numbers 19393, 19521, and 19894 in the amount of \$272.87 which were voided as unclaimed warrants and that same amount was remitted to the Washington State Dept of Revenue electronically as EFT number CA006. Also, warrants number 21304 through 21307 and 21348 were voided prior to release due to clerical errors.

4. 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 2:05 p.m.

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