

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 9:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Chris Kroupa, Doug Aubertin and Dan Fagerlie, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: Emily Burt, Rhonda Schultz

Public Comments: Emily Burt, representing the Friends of the Republic Library, updated the Board on the Friends' efforts to get a new library and community center built across from the Republic school. Emily exited the meeting at 9:19 a.m. Rhonda Schultz arrived at this time to discuss her bill. Rhonda exited the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

A recess was called from 9:50 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:12 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. BPA will be on site in January to orient District linemen on BPA's substation.
2. The crew is working on pole replacements.

Attorney Graham joined the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke has almost completed the District's application for allowances from the Washington State Climate Commitment Act.
2. An HRA VEBA policy change is required for non-bargaining unit employees who choose to enroll in the CDHP Medical Plan. Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to approve the change, Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

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 December 10, 2023 were \$4,537,932.74 with restricted funds of \$2,982,900.19. There were 8 outages in the month of November, for a year-to-date total of 151 compared to 155 for the same period in 2022. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

Resolution 23-06 A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Budget for 2024 was presented to the Board. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 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. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 22284 through 22349, Direct Payroll Deposits number 906945 through 906983, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1029 and 1031 through 1033, in the total amount of \$591,082.49 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Kroupa, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 21732 which was voided and reissued in the amount of \$332.19.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie gave a presentation about CETA's low-income energy assistance requirements at a work session of the Washington State House of Representatives' Environment & Energy Committee.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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