

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE  
June 15, 2020

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

The Flag Salute was led by Dan Fagerlie.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. PPE has been provided to the crew and safe Covid-19 work practices put into place. Crew members are driving in separate vehicles to maintain distance. There may be some instances where they may be unable to maintain distance or wear masks when the work being done is too dangerous to perform with those measures in place.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i at 9:15 a.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 a.m.

There was no further Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the progress made towards reopening the lobby to the public. The glass barrier has been installed at the customer service counter and PPE has been provided to office employees. The governor also requires some signage be in place. Manager VanSlyke hopes to have the office open to the public starting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Progress is being made on the Keller AMI Project. AT&T should have things set up soon so that the gateways can be installed.
3. Manager VanSlyke has been looking for a recloser with newer technology for the Utility to use. Siemens makes a compact modular recloser that is more reliable and will require less maintenance than the reclosers currently used. The Utility will purchase some and use them to phase out the old ones.

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 June 9, 2020 were \$3,490,240.35 with restricted funds of \$2,893,352.52. There were 11 outages in the month of May, for a year-to-date total of 43 compared to 33 for the same period in 2019. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. Treasurer Allen updated the Board on the status of delinquent accounts. While the number of customers behind on their account is larger than normal for this time of the year, very few customers have contacted the District about payment arrangements.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting.
2. Warrants number 19006 through 19064, Direct Payroll Deposits 905178 through 905218, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 681, and 683 through 687, in the total amount of \$507,454.73 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.
3. Cost and usage graphs were included in the packet mailed to the Board for their review.
4. Auditor Nush updated the Board on the status of the 2019 Financial Statements. Coronavirus related issues have delayed them, but Auditor Nush expects to have them completed by the end of June.

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

1. Commissioner Kroupa presented a letter he drafted to send to the governor regarding the governor's Covid-19 proclamations on utilities that impede the Board's ability to govern their District. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion for the Board to sign the letter and send it to the governor. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.
2. Commissioner Fagerlie updated the Board about meetings he attended for the Broadband Action Team and TEDD.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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