

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Kroupa 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.

Visitors: None.

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

Public Comments: A thank you note was received from customer Barbara Herman thanking PUD employees for their help with the recent Keller fires.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Employee Chase Hilderbrandt will begin his tree trimming apprenticeship program in October.
2. BPA has scheduled an outage in the Keller area on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:30 am. to 3:30 p.m. The crew will use that time to replace some additional poles in the area that were damaged during the Swawilla Fire.
3. Resolution 24-05 A Resolution Approving the District's Wildfire Mitigation Plan was discussed. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 9:26 a.m. until 9:46 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 9:46 a.m.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke reported that the District has essentially finished working through the negotiating process for the DOE grant. There are a few minor items left to complete.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

A recess was called at 10:14 a.m. until 10:35 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

Resolution 24-06 A Resolution to Cancel Unclaimed Warrants was presented to the Board. These funds will be turned over to the State of Washington. Commissioner Fagerlie made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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 September 10, 2024 were \$4,681,214.75 with restricted funds of \$3,205,863.39. There were 16 outages in the month of August, for a year-to-date total of 102 compared to 119 for the same period in 2023. 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 the Washington Families Clean Energy Credits Grant Program. The program ended September 15<sup>th</sup>, and 698 customers received the \$200 credit, for a total of \$139,600.

Attorney Graham rejoined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was mailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 23038 through 23135, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907303 through 907343, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1083 and 1085 through 1088, in the total amount of \$683,210.59 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Fagerlie, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 21169 which was voided and applied to the customer's active account and warrant 22963 which was voided and reissued.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.
4. A public budget hearing was scheduled for the next Board meeting, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie read the email that he sent to Austin Scharff of the Department of Commerce regarding his concerns on the upcoming CETA draft report.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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