

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
January 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Chris Kroupa at 9:00 a.m. Present in person 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.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: Marion Baldwin

Public Comments: Marion Baldwin joined the meeting to discuss the recent power outages in the Wauconda area. Superintendent Brown discussed the problems that wet, heavy snow cause and what the District is doing to try to mitigate them.

The Election of Officers for the next two years was held. Commissioner Aubertin nominated Commissioner Fagerlie for the office of President, Commissioner Kroupa for Vice-President and himself for Secretary. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Fagerlie assumed the role of President for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board's representation on trade organizations was discussed. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to keep the same representation, as listed below. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WA P.U.D. Association	Fagerlie/Kroupa
P.U.D. Roundtable	Fagerlie/Kroupa
Energy Northwest	Aubertin/Kroupa/Fagerlie
N.W.P.P.A.	Aubertin/Fagerlie
P.P.C.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
N.R.U.	Kroupa**/Fagerlie
T.E.D.D.	Fagerlie/Aubertin
Packwood Owners	VanSlyke
WA Assoc of P.U.D. Attorneys	Graham
Revolving Loan/Grant Committee	Aubertin/Fagerlie/Kroupa
F.C. Broadband Action Team	Fagerlie

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A recess was called at 9:39 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m. Visitor Marion Baldwin exited the meeting at this time.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. District snow machines are being repaired after damage during the recent snowstorms.
2. The rollout of AMI meters to customers is continuing.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke will be unable to attend the May board meeting. He will instead provide a report for the Board.
2. BPA still has not provided the District with a date for their planned outage for the Republic area in May. Superintendent Brown will press them to set a date.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 10:27 a.m. until 10:35 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m.

3. The District is in the process of changing to a new digital phone system as the old analog one is no longer supported and is beginning to have problems.
4. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the grant.

The regularly scheduled February Board Meeting will fall on the President's Day Holiday. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, February 18th. 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 January 10, 2025 were \$5,130,402.00 with restricted funds of \$3,223,194.17. There were 38 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 220 compared to 157 for the same period in 2023. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 23380 through 23462, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907467 through 907507, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1108 through 1115 and 1117, in the total amount of \$901,023.46 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in this listing was warrant number 22114 that was voided and reissued in the amount of \$81.00.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie updated the Board on his discussions with other PUDs, legislators and state agencies on CETA assistance.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Ferry County, Washington

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