

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
April 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present in person were Commissioners Chris Kroupa and Dan Fagerlie, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Commissioner Doug Aubertin and Auditor Sue Nush were unable to attend the meeting. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None.

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The BPA outage for the District's service area north of Keller is scheduled for May 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. Superintendent Brown attended the NWPPA E&O Conference & Trade Show in Spokane last week.
3. The status of the AMI project was discussed.

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

A recess was called at 9:49 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:10 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the current status of the upcoming 2028 contract with BPA. BPA requested a written request for a Provider of Choice contract for power sales for the contract period of October 1, 2028 through September 30, 2044. Manager VanSlyke sent the request and has received a letter from BPA confirming its receipt.
2. The status of the DOE grant was discussed. Due to their expertise and familiarity with our existing systems, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the selection of Power Engineers as a sole source vendor for the provision of engineering services in connection with the District's substation upgrade project, which is funded under the U.S. Department of Energy's, Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Grant Program. Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 25-02 A Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of the Same was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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 April 10, 2025 were \$4,929,819.26 with restricted funds of \$3,236,288.46. There were 5 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 29 compared to 24 for the same period in 2024. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

A recess was called at 11:12 a.m. for five minutes. The meeting resumed at 11:16 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was included in the mailed Board packet.

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 23619 through 23693, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907590 through 907632, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1127 through 1132, 1134 through 1136, and 1138, in the total amount of \$972,314.63 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, and unanimously carried.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie would like to write an article for the local newspaper about the increasing costs for materials and power that utilities are facing. Commissioner Kroupa agreed that the information would be good for District ratepayers.

The meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. for lunch reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss labor negotiations, and to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:00 p.m.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.