

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 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 Dan Fagerlie, Doug Aubertin and Chris Kroupa, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting remotely. Manager Steve VanSlyke was unavailable to attend.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular April meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. The minutes of the May 14th special meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.

Visitors: None.

Public Comments: The Board reviewed correspondence received from some customers who requested to opt-out from the new AMI meters that are being installed, and to say that they did not give permission for the Utility to come on their property. The Board pointed out that there are utility easements on these properties that give the District the legal right to access and maintain their equipment. The installation of AMI meters was a business decision the Board made for the benefit of the District, and they stand by that decision.

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

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Bonneville has requested another planned outage for the Keller area. BPA still has some fire-damaged poles they need to replace and will take an outage on June 26th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. BPA is no longer giving the District weekend options on their outages.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the lease or purchase of real estate as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) at 10:29 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:40 a.m.

The Board went back into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. until 10:55 a.m. to discuss the lease or purchase of real estate as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:55 a.m.

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

Manager's Report: There was no Manager'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 May 10, 2025 were \$4,500,989.61 with restricted funds of \$3,446,748.55. There were 11 outages in the month of April, for a year-to-date total of 40 compared to 29 for the same period in 2024. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.

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

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 23694 through 23777, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907633 through 907675, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1133, 1137, 1139, 1140, and 1142, in the total amount of \$929,031.56 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 23694 in the amount of \$432.19 that was voided and applied to the customer's active account.
3. Auditor Nush presented financial information for the Board regarding potential rate increases in the future to cover BPA price increases this fall.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the lease or purchase of real estate as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) at 11:47 a.m. until 11:57 a.m. The Board returned to Regular Session at 11:57 a.m.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

After discussion, Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to hold a rate hearing on proposed structural changes to the District's rate schedules only, not rate increases. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion, and all agreed to schedule the rate hearing for their next regular monthly meeting on June 16th.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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Ferry County, Washington

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