

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 16, 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, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: Liz Anderson, Debra Lester (Kitsap PUD), Dan Toepper (Jefferson PUD), Bruce Pollack (Cowlitz PUD), Stefany Zelepuza, and Nicolas Garcia of the Washington PUD Association.

Public Comments: A thank you note was received from Barbara Herman of Keller. She thanked the District for its good service and the senior low-income discount. Letters were also received from two customers who did not want AMI meters installed on their properties. Commissioner Fagerlie was contacted by Representative Hunter Abell's office about a letter they received against AMI meters being installed by the District.

The visitors discussed some of the bills from the last legislative session that affected PUDs and talked about issues and future policies that they would be advocating for. WPUDA represents PUDs from across the state of Washington and is actively involved in the state legislative process. The group was thanked for their efforts and their visit to Ferry County, and they exited the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

A recess was called at 10:47 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown continues to educate customers about the new AMI meters and the fact that they do not integrate with anything in a customer's home.
2. DOT permits have been received for the Ten to Thirteen Mile Access Trail Project.
3. Superintendent Brown reminded the group about the BPA outage planned for the Keller area on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke talked about a piece of property near the District's office that is for sale. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve Resolution 25-04 A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property to authorize Manager VanSlyke to take such further steps as required to complete the purchase of the property. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the DOE grant. Bid packages for the substation upgrade and for the purchase of transformers and conductor to extend distribution lines are going out and will be opened at a Special Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The Scheduled Rate Hearing for Structural Changes to Rate Schedules was held. After discussion, the Board requested that a resolution approving the proposed changes be prepared for the Board to sign at the regular July Board Meeting. Included in the changes is a late fee that will be assessed on delinquent accounts in the amount of 1% of the outstanding balance owed, with a minimum fee of \$10. This will be assessed on amounts outstanding after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Manager VanSlyke discussed proposed changes to the Auditor's position. After consideration, the Board authorized Manager VanSlyke to add a new, higher level accounting position that will report to the Auditor.

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 10, 2025 were \$4,556,639.02 with restricted funds of \$3,451,155.70. There were 7 outages in the month of May, for a year-to-date total of 47 compared to 40 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 23778 through 23851, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907676 through 907718, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1141, and 1143 through 1146, in the total amount of \$652,466.99 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the list was

- warrant number 23780 that was voided due to a clerical error before being released and warrant number 23822 that was voided due to attempted fraud which was caught by the District bank’s Positive Pay process.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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