

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 20, 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. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Visitors: None.

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown updated the Board on the status of the AMI meter project. The Wauconda gateway is being moved to a new location that should improve its coverage area. Over 3700 AMI meters have been installed and there are 26 remaining to change out. Manager VanSlyke added that additional gateways will be installed south towards Keller.

Attorney Graham joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

2. Billing Clerk Arika Kurtz joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m. to discuss her experience with the AMI meter changes. Customers are happy to not have to read their meters anymore. Billing has improved with consistent billing dates and no estimates. Arika exited the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the DOE grant project. The first milestone has been submitted for reimbursement. Materials for the distribution line extension have started to come in. The substation transformer has been ordered and should be here next summer.
2. The upcoming 2028 BPA contract was discussed.

A recess was called at 10:16 a.m. until 10:35 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations as per RCW 42.30.140(4), at 10:38 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m.

3. Discussions continued on the AMI meter changeouts.

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

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), at 11:19 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 11:30 a.m.

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 October 10, 2025 were \$3,927,132.29 with restricted funds of \$3,463,863.61. There were 5 outages in the month of September, for a year-to-date total of 96 compared to 122 for the same period in 2024. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. Treasurer Allen reviewed a report showing that District operating funds were trending down. BPA is no longer issuing dividend credits and interest income rates are lower.
3. The City of Republic requested a letter of support from the Board for the new library project. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to authorize Commissioner Fagerlie to sign a new letter of support, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m. for lunch reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

The scheduled budget hearing was held. Auditor Nush discussed how she arrived at figures in the proposed Budget. Some figures still need to be firmed up, and rate increases discussed.

A recess was called at 1:39 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:46 p.m.

Discussion on the proposed Budget continued until the budget hearing ended at 2:26 p.m. No vote was held on the Budget at this time.

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

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 24079 through 24179, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907847 through 907888, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1166 through 1173 and 1176 through 1177

in the total amount of \$1,193,410.08 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing were warrants number 21975, 22440, 22529, 22065, 22745, 22759, and 22772 in the amount of \$1056.98 that were voided as unclaimed warrants and remitted to the Washington State Dept of Revenue.

3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board Meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie will be representing the District at the next Energy Northwest meeting. The Board expressed their support for Energy Northwest's small modular reactor (SMR) project with Amazon.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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