

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 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 remotely at 9:19 a.m.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular October 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 BPA outage at the beginning of November. A tree fell and cut through their transmission line on Sherman Pass. After finding it, the BPA crew had to return to Spokane for materials and additional manpower to repair it.
2. The storage yard at Strassburg Substation has been cleaned up to make room for substation spec rock that is being delivered for the substation upgrade project. The new transformer should be here next year.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham discussed the Myers line extension loan that is in arrears. A payment was received against the outstanding balance. Attorney Graham will discuss further action with Treasurer Allen.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations as per RCW 42.30.140(4), at 9:35 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. and went back into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. until 9:55 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m.

A recess was called at 9:57 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on additional CCA no-cost allowances that have been received by the District. A discussion followed on whether the Board would like to sell them at the next State auction or hold on to them in case the Utility needs them in the future. Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to sell the allowances and Commissioner Fagerlie seconded the motion. A decision was delayed until Manager VanSlyke could provide some pricing information.
2. The first milestone submitted for reimbursement on the DOE grant project for \$163,000 has been received. Materials for the distribution line extension continue to come in.
3. The BPA Provider of Choice contract has been signed. Manager VanSlyke will discuss further elections with the Board in the future.
4. Commissioner Fagerlie would like to continue to discuss the location of new transmission lines that are required under the Columbia River Treaty with BPA. Commissioner Fagerlie has suggested to BPA that they consider a line down through Ferry County from around Grand Forks, British Columbia. The Board agreed that Commissioner Fagerlie should continue the discussions with BPA.

A recess was called at 11:16 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Allen:

5. The regular Treasurer's reports were mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Operating Funds available as of November 10, 2025 were \$3,820,812.46 with restricted funds of \$3,468,428.31. There were 9 outages in the month of October, for a year-to-date total of 105 compared to 138 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. Resolution 25-08 A Resolution to Write-off Uncollectible Accounts was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. The PUD 2026 calendars have been received and will be available to customers after Thanksgiving.
4. Nineteen CETA low-income assistance applications were received. Of those, only four had an excess energy burden for a total amount of \$2,762.98. The Board directed that a CETA credit be applied to those accounts for the full amount of the excess energy burden.

As requested earlier in the meeting, Manager VanSlyke provided the pricing information on the CCA no-cost allowances. The previous motion to sell them was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. for lunch reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

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

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 24180 through 24261, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907889 through 907931, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1174, 1175, 1178, and 1179 in the total amount of \$749,540.82 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 24177 in the amount of \$134.44 that was voided and applied to the customer's active account.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.
4. Rates were discussed. The last rate increase was in 2017. The Board directed that a Public Rate Hearing be scheduled for December 15th at 10:00 a.m.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

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