

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 19, 2026

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, Attorney Steve Graham, Manager Steve VanSlyke, Superintendent Mike Brown, Auditor Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the regular December 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 provided an overview of operations for the month.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham will attempt to contact Harriman and Ziplly Fiber one more time before filing a suit against them.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. A public bid opening will be held at one o'clock today for substation reclosers and regulators for the grant project.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations as per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), at 9:14 a.m. until 9:35 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m.

A recess was called at 9:35 a.m. until 9:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

The scheduled Rate Hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. Visitors Melissa Rose and Carmen joined the meeting remotely. Auditor Nush presented a proposed rate increase of 1.5 cents per kWh for each rate classification to cover increased Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) electricity costs and the increased cost of materials, supplies, services, labor and benefits. At current rates, expenses are expected to exceed revenue in 2026 by \$1.3 million, \$825,000 of which is BPA. The last rate increase was in 2017. Inflation since that time more than exceeds the requested increase. Auditor Nush also proposed the creation of a new rate schedule, 700, to address new large single loads, and updates to fixed charge services with the new rate. Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to accept the rate proposal as presented, effective billing date February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion and all approved. Treasurer Allen will prepare a resolution to be signed at February's meeting.

The regularly scheduled February Board Meeting will fall on the President's Day Holiday. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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 January 10, 2026 were \$3,212,314.18 with restricted funds of \$3,476,822.03. There were 18 outages in the month of December, for a year-to-date total of 134 compared to 220 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 24344 through 24439, Direct Payroll Deposits number 907973 through 908013, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1186 through 1191 and 1193 in the total amount of \$1,283,209.61 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 24132 in the amount of \$1,080.00 that was voided and reissued as warrant 24364.

A recess was called at 11:00 a.m. until 11:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m.

3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

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

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m., reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

The scheduled public bid opening was held for Bid #2025-003 Substation Recloser(s) and Bid #2025-004 Substation Voltage Regulator(s).

No bids were received for Bid #2025-003 Substation Recloser(s).

Commissioner Fagerlie opened the sealed bids received for Bid #2025-004 Substation Voltage Regulator(s) and read the name and bid amount for each.

General Pacific	\$28,610.00 each
Irby	\$29,703.26 each
WESCO Anixter	\$42,404.27 each
Howard Industries	\$38,517.00 each

Manager VanSlyke stated that these will be reviewed by Power Engineers for compliance to bid specifications, after which Attorney Graham will perform a legal review. After this process is complete, the bid will be awarded.

Commissioner Fagerlie will be appearing before a state legislative committee tomorrow to discuss proposed House Bill 2373. The bill requires electric utilities to provide a monthly discount program to low-income customers for energy assistance. Commissioner Fagerlie distributed copies of his speaking points for review. Commissioners Kroupa and Aubertin approved both Commissioner Fagerlie's appearance before the committee and his talking points.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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