

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 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.

Visitors: Tom Bernard and Travis Beyerl from the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) joined the meeting remotely.

The results of the 2022-2024 Clean Energy Transformation Act Compliance Audit of the District were discussed. The audit found that the District did not comply with CETA's low income eligibility requirements. The audit results will be published on the SAO's website. Tom and Travis exited the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

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

Public Comments: Commissioner Fagerlie and Superintendent Brown were contacted by customers who had interruptions to their power in the northern part of the District's service area. A problem caused by a customer's switch was tripping breakers. Breakers protect the system from potential damage. Commissioner Fagerlie was contacted about trees on power lines near Little Goosmus Creek. The trees were actually on telecommunication lines, not power lines. Telecom lines are typically thick, rubber-coated cables.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown provided an overview of operations for the month.

A recess was called at 10:00 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. There was no Attorney's Report.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the federal grant. The possibility of providing funds to help some customers connect to the new distribution line was discussed. Manager VanSlyke will prepare a proposal for next month's board meeting.
2. Manager VanSlyke presented the Board with an updated Wage and Salary Administration Schedule No. 43-26 for non-bargaining employees. Some new positions have been added towards potential additional employees in the future. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-01 A Resolution Establishing Retail Rates was presented to the Board. These rates were approved by the Board at January's Rate Hearing. Commissioner Kroupa moved to approve Resolution 26-01 as presented. 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 February 10, 2026 were \$3,070,802.97 with restricted funds of \$3,481,712.10. There were 8 outages in the month of January, for a year-to-date total of 8 compared to 22 for the same period in 2025. 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 24440 through 24531, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908014 through 908054, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1192 and 1194 through 1197 in the total amount of \$835,714.40 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 24525 that was voided prior to release.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m., reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

The scheduled public bid opening was held for Bid #2026-001 Substation Recloser(s). Evan Powers of WSP joined the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Fagerlie opened the sealed bids received for Bid #2026-001 Substation Recloser(s) and read the name and bid amount for each.

WESCO	\$29,216.00 each
G&W Electric	\$36,949.00 each

Lindha Sagen of G&W Electric joined the meeting remotely. Commissioner Fagerlie stated that the bids will be reviewed by WSP for compliance to bid specifications, after which Attorney Graham will perform a legal review. After this process is complete, the bid will be awarded. The visitors exited the meeting at this time.

The Auditor's Report continued.

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 2:16 p.m.

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