

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

All stood for the Flag Salute.

Visitors: None.

The minutes of the regular February meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. After amendment, the minutes of the March 5, 2026 special meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.

Public Comments: Manager VanSlyke was asked to pass on comments to the Board from a customer who owed significant back charges due to an error made by the District. Although she paid them, she thought that since it was the Utility's fault, she should not be held responsible. Some customers were unhappy about the \$10 late fee that the District is now charging. Another customer sent a thank you note for the work done to restore power after last week's windstorm.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The windstorm last week caused a tree to fall on Bonneville Power's transmission line on Sherman Pass, completely severing all three lines. While that was being repaired, the District's crew was busy fixing damage in several areas to local infrastructure.

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 continued last month's discussion about the possibility of providing funds to help some customers connect to the new distribution line that is being built as part of the DOE federal grant. Bill 1903 is currently sitting on the state governor's desk for his consideration, and it could have an impact on the funds being discussed. Because of that, the Board decided to wait until next month to decide.

A recess was called at 10:09 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

2. The bids received last month for #2026-002 Substation Reclosers have been reviewed technically and legally. The lowest compliant bid was Eaton. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to award the bid to Eaton. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The lowest compliant bid on #2025-004 Substation Regulators was General Pacific. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to award the bid to General Pacific. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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 March 10, 2026 were \$2,919,999.51 with restricted funds of \$3,486,281.90. There were 3 outages in the month of February, for a year-to-date total of 11 compared to 24 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 24532 through 24598, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908055 through 908095, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1198 through 1204 in the total amount of \$1,289,075.16 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.
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 11:50 a.m.

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Ferry County, Washington

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