

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
April 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Dan Fagerlie at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Doug Aubertin, Chris Kroupa and Dan Fagerlie, 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 March meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.

State Auditors Ruth Walker and Alvaro Lagunas joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the results of the 2022-2024 Financial & Accountability Audit of the District. Ruth discussed the audit process, and the District had no findings. The audit results will be published on the SAO's website. Both auditors exited the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Public Comments: Commissioners received comments about late fees and AMI meters.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. The District has added additional security cameras.
2. Superintendent Brown and Manager VanSlyke discussed some changes they are making to cut costs.

A recess was called at 10:20 a.m. for twenty minutes. The meeting resumed at 10:42 a.m.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. Attorney Graham has requested some information from the sheriff's department and will try one last time to get the responsible parties to pay for damages before taking them to court.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. After discussion, the Board agreed that the District did not want to nominate someone for the Energy Northwest Review Board.
2. Manager VanSlyke discussed the need for the District to have a Generative AI policy. The technology is a part of programs used every day by staff so they need to know how to use it and how to use it ethically. He will present the Board with a policy at the May meeting.
3. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Aubertin made a motion to approve the contract as negotiated. Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 11:43 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The Board returned to regular session at noon.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon. Commissioner Kroupa was excused and exited the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.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 April 10, 2026 were \$3,115,188.16 with restricted funds of \$3,744,038.29. There were 19 outages in the month of March, for a year-to-date total of 30 compared to 29 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 presented by Sue Nush:

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. Warrants number 24599 through 24662, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908096 through 908136, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1205 through 1212 and 1214, in the total amount of \$879,675.03 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Aubertin, seconded by Commissioner Fagerlie, 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 2:27 p.m.

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