

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
May 18, 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, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Auditor Sue Nush was unavailable to attend.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

Visitors: Jim Rochelle and Jayne Jurgensen from the Ferry County Historical Society, and Emily Burt and Arwen Woolley from the Friends of the Republic Library.

After review and amendment, the minutes of the regular April meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried.

Public Comments: Jim Rochelle thanked the District for help in getting the Kauffman Cabin moved. Emily Burt thanked the Board for the economic grant that helped the Friends in their efforts to get funding for a new library and community center in Republic. They would like to discuss revising what the economic grant can be used for. A meeting of the Revolving Loan/Grant Fund committee will be scheduled for the next Board meeting in June. The visitors exited the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown discussed customers who have meters enclosed in their house or garage. District policy is that meters should be installed outside of buildings or service structures and be accessible to District personnel at all times. This also interferes with the transmission of AMI meters, requiring District personnel to be given entry to obtain a meter reading. Superintendent Brown suggested installing a CT package at these locations, with the District covering the cost, to fix the problem. The Board agreed.

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

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 10:41 a.m. until 10:51 a.m.. The Board returned to regular session at 10:51 a.m.

The Superintendent's report continued:

2. Applications received for the Engineering Aide position were discussed. A discussion followed on the District's policy on hiring relatives. Attorney Graham will review the policy and advise.
3. Superintendent Brown provided an overview of operations for the month.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. There was no Attorney's Report.

Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke presented the Board with a draft policy on the use of generative AI. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the policy as presented, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

2. The District has received no applicants for the Senior Accountant position with the education and experience required. After discussion, the Board approved the use of a recruiting firm to pursue qualified candidates.

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 May 10, 2026 were \$2,704,947.09 with restricted funds of \$3,747,974.37. There were 16 outages in the month of April, for a year-to-date total of 46 compared to 40 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 24663 through 24743, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908137 through 908177, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1213, 1215 through 1219, and 1221 in the total amount of \$1,273,449.45 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 24655 in the amount of \$8,497.06 that was voided and reissued as number 24690.

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

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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