PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
June 15, 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 joined portions of the meeting remotely.

All stood for the Flag Salute.

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

Public Comments: Commissioners Fagerlie and Kroupa were contacted by a customer who paid to extend power to his property four months ago and is still waiting. He is unhappy with the delay and lack of communication and wants his money refunded, with no Admin Fee. The Board agreed to look into the situation.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:
1. Line foreman Justin Koepke is leaving the District for a job with Nespelem Valley Electric Co-op. Gary Burt will be the acting foreman.
2. Job Corps students will be pouring cement to finish repairs on the sidewalk in front of the Engineering Office.
3. The big windstorm in May caused damage and several outages throughout the District's service area.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph g to conduct the yearly performance review of a public employee. Superintendent Brown, Auditor Nush, and Treasurer Allen exited the meeting at this time. The Board returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. and went back into Executive Session until 10:00 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. and Superintendent Brown rejoined the meeting.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. and went back into Executive Session until 10:40 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. Auditor Nush and Treasurer Allen rejoined the meeting at this time. Ed Forsman also joined the meeting, exiting at 10:50 a.m.

A recess was called at 10:52 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Visitors Nick Olsen, Mari Jo Olsen and Heather Brice from the City of Republic, and Emily Burt and Elliot Burt from the Friends of the Republic Library arrived for a meeting of the Economic Revolving Loan/Grant Fund Committee. They requested a change to the grant they received in 2024 from the Revolving Loan/Grant Fund. They would like to re-allocate some of the funds to cover professional services needed to help manage the other grants received for the new Republic Library and Community Center. With no change to the original amount of this grant, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the re-allocation of funds from the purchase of a transformer to professional services. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The visitors exited the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:
1. Manager VanSlyke discussed the Tier 2 power options with the BPA Provider of Choice Contract. Three of the four options would require the District to purchase Tier 2 power itself on the open market. After discussion, Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to select Option A, with BPA-supplied firm power at the Long-Term Tier 2 Rate. Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
2. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the DOE grant. Site preparation is underway for temporary storage of the new substation transformer that will be delivered in August. Most of the distribution materials have been received, with some primary cable still to come.
3. GEM Resourcing provided a report detailing their process to recruit a new Auditor. Since Sue Nush has volunteered to step down into a lower position, she has requested that she be able retain the current valuation on 1000 hours of her Personal Leave Bank. After discussion, by consensus, the Board agreed.
4. With the creation of the new Engineering 1 position, the Wage and Salary Administration Schedule has been updated to include it. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve Schedule No. 44-26, Commissioner Aubertin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m., reconvening 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 June 9, 2026 were $3,054,276.50 with restricted funds of

$3,756,406. There were 27 outages in the month of May, for a year-to-date total of 73 compared to 47 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 24744 through 24829, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908178 through 908218, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1220, 1222 through 1225, and 1228 in the total amount of $719,689.65 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 24780 that was voided before it was released.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.

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

Attorney Steve Graham rejoined the meeting remotely at 1:30 p.m. He advised the group on the wording of the proposed resolution for construction assistance for the DOE grant. This will be presented to the Board at the July meeting. Attorney Graham exited the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

The commissioners continued with their reports.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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