

P.U.D. #1 of Ferry County Board Meeting Summary

The 09/21/26 Board Meeting was called to order with Commissioners Fagerlie, Aubertin and Kroupa, Manager VanSlyke, Superintendent Brown, Auditor Deck, Senior Accountant Nush, and Treasurer Allen present in person. Attorney Graham joined the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

- The draft minutes of the August regular meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Superintendent Brown discussed the negative impacts on the Utility if Washington State's proposed zero emission program goes through. It would require all of the District's vehicles to be electric, including bucket and service trucks. Electric vehicle performance is significantly reduced in extreme cold, steep terrain, and long-distance travel. With one transmission line serving most of the District's service area, the long BPA outages and damaging winter storms could leave the crews without operational vehicles when they are needed most. Purchasing an electric fleet would also impose a significant burden on the District and its ratepayers, who would have to fund it. The new substation transformer was delivered last week. It is part of an upgrade project to the District's Strassburg Substation that is being paid for with grant money from DOE. Over the years, the load on the current substation has increased substantially and the capacity needs to be increased. The remediation work at the Kuehne Substation is now complete.
- Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the DOE grant.
- The Treasurer's monthly report was presented. Treasurer Allen discussed having a two-month application period for customers to apply for CETA assistance, which is based on total household income and excess energy burden. The Board agreed, and the application period will begin October 1st.
- The Financial and Statistical reports were presented by Senior Accountant Nush and the warrants processed during the month were approved. A public budget hearing for 2027 was scheduled for the next Board meeting, October 19th, at 10:00 a.m.
- The commissioners presented information from meetings they attended since the last Board meeting. Commissioner Fagerlie updated the group about the recent visit by State Representative Sharlett Mena.
- With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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