

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
September 21, 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 Dave Deck, Senior Accountant Sue Nush, and Treasurer Pam Allen. Attorney Steve Graham joined the meeting at 9:49 a.m..

All stood for the Flag Salute.

Visitors: None.

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

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mike Brown:

1. Superintendent Brown discussed the negative impacts on the Utility if Washington State's proposed zero emissions 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.
2. The new transformer for the Strassburg Substation was delivered last week. The upgrade project 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.
3. The remediation work at the Kuehne Substation is now complete.

The Manager's Report was presented by Steve VanSlyke:

1. Manager VanSlyke updated the Board on the status of the DOE grant. There are still some materials for the substation upgrade that are not here yet. The actual work will be done in the spring. Manager VanSlyke has submitted a request to DOE for payment after completing the milestone for the substation engineering design and is working on the milestone for the procurement and receipt of materials for the construction of distribution lines.
2. Manager VanSlyke and Superintendent Brown will be attending the WPUA General Managers Committee meeting on October 21st in Kennewick.

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 September 10, 2026 were \$2,825,187.26 with restricted funds of \$3,768,203.14. There were 13 outages in the month of August, for a year-to-date total of 121 compared to 91 for the same period in 2025. The Large Power Summary, Revolving Loan and Line Extension Loan reports were also included in the mailed packet.
2. 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.

A recess was called at 10:36 a.m. until 10:56 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:56 a.m.

The Attorney's Report was presented by Steve Graham:

1. There was no Attorney's Report.

The Board went into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1, paragraph i for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 10:57 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The Board returned to regular session at 11:15 a.m.

The Auditor's Report was included in the mailed Board packet.

1. The voucher listing was presented to the Board.
2. There were two corrections to the August warrants that were approved last month. The total amount should have been \$885,720.18. In addition, warrant number 23844 in the amount of \$201.88 was voided and applied to an active customer account. Commissioner Kroupa made a motion to approve the corrections, Commissioner Kroupa seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.
2. Warrants number 25002 through 25114, Direct Payroll Deposits number 908307 through 908349, and Electronic Fund Transfers number 1240 through 1247 and 1249 in the total amount of \$810,056.02 were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Kroupa, seconded by Commissioner Aubertin, and unanimously carried. Included in the listing was warrant number 25006 that was voided before release.
3. Cost and usage graphs were presented and discussed.
4. 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 before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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