## THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2025 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Franklin County, Washington held a regular meeting at 1411 W. Clark St., Pasco, WA, on May 13, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Remote technology options were provided for the public to participate.

Those who participated from the District via remote technology or in person for all or part of the meeting were Commissioner Roger Wright, President; Commissioner Bill Gordon, Vice President; Commissioner Pedro Torres, Secretary; Victor Fuentes, Interim General Manager/CEO; Steve Ferraro, Assistant General Manager; Natassja Ransom, HR Generalist; Jessica Marshall, Executive Assistant and Tyler Whitney, General Counsel.

## **OPENING**

Commissioner Wright called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Wright called for public comment and no public was in attendance.

At 8:32 a.m., Commissioner Wright called an executive session to last until 9:15 a.m. He reported that the purpose of the executive session was to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment as allowed per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Wright ended the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Wright reported that the District received 24 applications for the General Manager/CEO position, and three candidates were interviewed during a special Commission meeting held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. A second interview was held during today's regular meeting and Commissioner Wright believes this candidate best meets qualifications and the needs of the District. Commissioner's Gordon and Torres concurred with Commissioner Wright's statement.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres, to extend a conditional offer of employment to Victor Fuentes for the General Manager/CEO position, subject to negotiation and Commission approval of a contract, successful background check, and future Commission action by resolution, and to authorize Commissioner Wright to initiate

negotiations with Mr. Fuentes, with the intent of introducing a resolution and accompanying contract at the Commission's June 10, 2025 regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A brief discussion was held on the upcoming regular meetings for planning purposes, and the Commission directed Ms. Ransom to notify candidates who applied for the General Manager/CEO position.

## **CLOSING OF MEETING – ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Wright adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20 a.m. The next regular meeting will be May 27, 2025, and begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the District's Auditorium located at 1411 W. Clark Street, Pasco, WA. Remote technology options will be provided for members of the public to participate.

Roger Wright, President

William Gordon, Vice President

Pedro Torres, Jr., Secretary