

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

MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2026
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 27, 2026 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 included Commissioner Bill Gordon, President; Commissioner Pedro Torres, Vice-President; Commissioner Roger Wright, Secretary; Victor Fuentes, General Manager/CEO; Steve Ferraro, Assistant General Manager; Katrina Fulton, Finance and Customer Service Director; Rosario Viera, Public Information Officer; Mark Hay, Engineering & Operations Director; Tyler Whitney, Legal Counsel; Jessica Marshall, Executive Assistant; Jim Zacha, Lineman Foreman; and additional employees who attended for the employee recognition portion of the meeting.

Those who participated from the Public via remote technology or in person for all or part of the meeting were Mr. Isaac Kastama, Principal Lobbyist and Adan Espino, Jr., Associate Lobbyist with Water Street Public Affairs; Ariane Schmidt, Executive Director with Broadlinc; and Tim Nies, District customer.

OPENING

Commissioner Gordon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Gordon informed the Commission that Agenda Item 10 would be addressed when Ms. Schmidt is able to join the meeting via remote technology. Fellow Commissioners concurred with adjusting the meeting agenda accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gordon called for public comment and no public comment was provided.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION, 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Fuentes welcomed Mr. Zacha and congratulated him on his 35 years of service and his upcoming retirement with the District. Staff spoke about his service and expressed their appreciation for his contributions to the District.

The Commission congratulated Mr. Zacha on his service anniversary and thanked him for his

time with the District.

At 8:36 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:43 a.m.

2026 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND 2027 PREVIEW

Commissioner Gordon welcomed Mr. Kastama and Mr. Espino.

Mr. Kastama and Mr. Espino provided a 2026 Legislative Update and 2027 Preview presentation, which included a summary of the 2026 legislative session, notable bills considered, and information on the upcoming session. Questions and discussion occurred throughout the presentation.

The Commission thanked Mr. Kastama and Mr. Espino for attending the Commission meeting. Mr. Kastama and Mr. Espino left the Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Wright reported that:

- He attended the NoaNet Board meeting along with Mr. Fuentes and Mr. Hooper.
- He attended the NWPPA Annual Conference and reviewed highlights from the conference, including Mr. Fuentes' presentation provided during one of the sessions.
- Energy Northwest held a Participants Review Board (PRB) meeting during the NWPPA Annual meeting, and he noted that he was elected to serve a three-year term with the PRB.

Commissioner Torres reported that:

- He attended the WPUA Annual Conference and NWPPA Annual Conference.

Commissioner Gordon reported that:

- He attended the NWPPA Annual Conference and reviewed takeaways from the conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Fuentes reviewed and responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding the Write-Off Report.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres approving the Consent Agenda as follows.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 1) To approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting.

- 2) To approve payment of expenditures for April 2026 amounting to \$10,936,039.13 as audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and as reviewed/certified by the General Manager/CEO as required by RCW 54.16.100, and expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and as listed in the attached registers and made available to the Commission for inspection prior to this action as follows:

Expenditure Type:	Amounts:
Direct Deposit Payroll – Columbia Bank	\$ 812,766.55
Wire Transfers	7,156,811.48
Automated and Refund Vouchers (Checks)	1,562,864.55
Direct Deposits (EFTs)	1,408,797.28
Voids	(5,200.73)
Total:	\$10,936,039.13

- 3) To approve the Write Offs in substantially the amount listed on the May 2026 Write Off Report totaling \$5,203.90.

AGENDA ITEM 7, ADOPTING A RESOLUTION FINDING DISTRICT PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Hay introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres adopting Resolution 1452 as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 8, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BITTERN CONDUCTOR

Mr. Hay introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet.

Motion by Commissioner Torres, seconded by Commissioner Wright authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his designee to execute a contract with American Wire Group, the lowest responsive bidder, for the purchase of 1272 ACSR 45/7 Bittern Conductor, for a total not to exceed amount of \$190,950.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 9, ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY AS A PAID HOLIDAY FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 1358

Mr. Ferraro introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet.

Motion by Commissioner Torres, seconded by Commissioner Wright adopting Resolution 1453 as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:53 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Mr. Fuentes reported that:

- He attended the NWPPA Annual Conference and reviewed highlights from various sessions and meetings.
- Negotiations with NoaNet staff on the Network Coordinated Services Agreement between the District and NoaNet are ongoing. Staff will return to a future Commission meeting with a recommendation for consideration.
- The Port of Pasco, in partnership with the District and Big Bend Electric Cooperative, is proposing a joint meeting with staff and elected officials. The meeting is planned for September 24, 2026, to be held at the Port of Pasco and would include lunch and a tour. Staff will hold the date on calendars, and Special Meeting notice requirements will be made in advance.
- Staff discussed the employee-minute portion of the Commission meetings. He recommended implementing a quarterly employee spotlight, allowing for one or more employees to attend and present updates on District projects. The first employee spotlight is planned for the July Commission meeting and will feature presentations by the interns. Commissioners concurred with this recommendation.

FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR

Ms. Fulton reported that:

- The April KPIs were included in the commission packet, and she reviewed pertinent slides from within the report.
- Staff and Commissioner Gordon attended the Washington State Auditor's office Energy Entrance Conference for three EIA audits currently underway.
- She attended the Labor Relations Institute through the Association of Washington Cities, as well as the NWPPA Annual Conference.
- Staff are working through the BPA Transmission Service 2027 process.
- A Public Hearing for the District's draft 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will be held during the June 23, 2026 Commission meeting.
- For her audit, she continued the internal audit on taxable fringe benefits. Staff have implemented a process to monitor criteria for eligible employees. During the April Commission meeting, the Commission directed staff to review any potential financial impact on affected staff and return with a recommendation to a future Commission

meeting, if needed. Ms. Fulton noted that Mr. Fuentes was adversely impacted and recommended that he receive a one-time contribution of eight hours of personal leave. The Commission concurred with staff's recommendation and requested that a resolution be brought forward for consideration at a future Commission meeting.

Ms. Schmidt joined the Commission Meeting at 9:55 a.m., and Commissioner Gordon called for Agenda Item 10.

AGENDA ITEM 10, BROADLINC INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wright welcomed Ms. Schmidt.

Ms. Schmidt provided an overview presentation of Broadlinc, including information on the BEAD project and USDA Community connect award.

The Commission thanked Ms. Schmidt for attending the meeting. Ms. Schmidt left the Commission meeting.

At 10:52 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:57 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS CONTINUED

ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Mr. Hay reported that:

- He reviewed the April KPIs for Operations and Engineering, which were included in the Commission packet. A brief discussion was held regarding outages caused by vehicles hitting utility infrastructure.
- The Engineering Summer Intern began his internship with the District.
- He continues to monitor the District's fuel costs.
- CT Meter audits are ongoing, and a brief discussion was held on the process.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Ferraro reported that:

- He reviewed broadband outages that occurred last month.
- The power upgrade project is delayed due to equipment shipping issues, and he will continue to keep the Commission updated on this project.
- The contract with NoaNet for the Fiber-to-the-Home inspection services is in place, and an update was given on the project timeline. Staff will continue to keep the Commission updated.
- Fire extinguisher training was conducted last month at the Operations building.
- The District's safety luncheon will be held on July 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
- The carpet upgrade project in the Administration building is nearing completion and Mr. Ferraro thanked the facilities staff for their work on this project.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Ms. Viera reported that:

- She plans to bring an agenda item to a future Commission meeting for an Interlocal Agreement between the District and the Franklin Conservation District for Salmon Power Education Program Services.
- Staff provided a tabletop safety demonstration at the Pasco Mid-Columbia Library, with both adults and children in attendance. The District also plans to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge Finisher Party.
- She attended the Pasco Chamber of Commerce board meeting and reviewed updates from the meeting.
- The “Today I learned Series” social media campaign was launched as part of National Electrical Safety Month, and the videos can be found on the District’s social media platforms. Six videos were shared during the Commission meeting.
- She continues to meet with Pasco School District staff to explore collaboration and potential classroom engagement opportunities to engage students in careers available within the electric industry.
- For her audit, staff reviewed the District’s website to ensure compliance with updated regulations for the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Staff will continue to monitor and make updates as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and noted it would be immediately followed by an executive session.

At 11:20 a.m., the Board of Commissioners entered into an executive session to conclude at 11:30 a.m. He reported that the purpose of the executive session was to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease as allowed per were RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Gordon ended the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

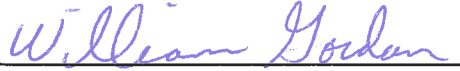
Mr. Fuentes introduced Resolution 1454, Reaffirming District Property Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property, Revising the Minimum Purchase Price for the Sale of Surplus Property, and Superseding Resolution 1429.

Staff recommended the Commission revise the minimum purchase price for the sale of the surplus property to \$700,000. A brief discussion was held on the draft resolution presented as well as market value and the original purchase price of the property.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres Adopting Resolution 1454, Reaffirming District Property Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property,

Revising the Minimum Purchase Price for the Sale of Surplus Property to \$700,000, and
Superseding Resolution 1429.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

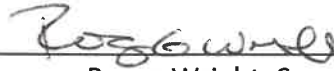
With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gordon adjourned the regular meeting at 10:57 a.m. The next regular meeting will be June 23, 2026 and begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the District's Auditorium located at 1411 W. Clark Street, Pasco, WA. Remote technology options will be provided for members of the public to participate.



William Gordon, President



Pedro Torres, Jr., Vice President



Roger Wright, Secretary