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

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 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 July 28, 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; Chris Warner, Engineering Intern; Charlie Johns, Accounting Intern; Marcos Palomino, Public Records Intern and Jessica Marshall, Executive Assistant.

Those who participated from the public via remote technology or in person for all or part of the meeting were Rich Nall and Craig Nelsen, NoaNet; Tim Nies, District customer; and a member of the public.

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

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

INTERN SPOTLIGHT
Ms. Viera introduced the District's three summer interns and provided an overview of this year's internship program. Mr. Warner, Mr. Johns, and Mr. Palomino each provided a presentation to the Commission on their internship assignments and experiences with the District. The Commissioners posed questions throughout the presentations. A video highlighting the interns' involvement and experiences during their time with the District was shared with the Commission.

The Commission thanked the interns for their presentations. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the interns.

A brief recess was taken for photos.

Additional discussion was held regarding the District's internship program, which is now in its third year. The Commission expressed appreciation to District staff for their efforts in administering the internship program and reiterated their support for continuing the internship program in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 4, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST OPEN ACCESS NETWORK FOR NETWORK COORDINATED SERVICES

Mr. Fuentes introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet. He reviewed the proposed amendments to the Network Coordinated Services (NCS) Agreement with NoaNet.

Mr. Fuentes introduced Mr. Nelsen and Mr. Nall, who were in attendance for the Commission meeting. Mr. Nelsen and Mr. Nall provided comments on the first year of the NCS Agreement with the District and shared updates on NoaNet's business operations and broadband services.

A brief discussion was held regarding the integration between the District and NoaNet, retail service providers and NoaNet's growth.

The Commission thanked NoaNet staff for attending the Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his designee to accept the revised terms and scope of work, and to execute an amended agreement with Northwest Open Access Network for Network Coordinated Services.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Torres reported that:

- He attended the APPA National Conference and July WPUDA Association meetings and reviewed highlights from both meetings.
- He took a moment to recognize the passing of Skamania PUD Commissioner Liz Green.

Commissioner Wright reported that:

- He spoke with Ariane Schmidt, Executive Director of Broadlinc, regarding Broadlinc's integration with NoaNet. He noted that Broadlinc staff may reach out to District staff for assistance.
- Energy Northwest is holding a special Participants Review Board (PRB) meeting.
- He attended the Energy Northwest Board of Directors meeting and reviewed highlights from the meeting.

- He requested staff return to a future Commission meeting with data on the average megawatt per hour usage of the District's top ten largest commercial customers.
- Energy Northwest plans to launch an associate partnership program.

Commissioner Gordon reported that:

- He attended the APPA Policy Maker's Council Summer Fly-In and reviewed highlights from meetings held with state representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1) To approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting.

2) To approve payment of expenditures for June 2026 amounting to $9,939,950.03 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	$ 601,992.10
Wire Transfers	7,282,501.27
Automated and Refund Vouchers (Checks)	931,346.44
Direct Deposits (EFTs)	1,124,564.28
Voids	(454.06)
Total:	$9,939,950.03

3) To approve the Write Offs in substantially the amount listed on the July 2026 Write Off Report totaling $4,373.48.

4) To declare final acceptance of the work completed as inspected by the District; to authorize release of available retainage; and to approve final payment in the amount of $94,820.38 for work completed by Boards & Buddies LLC under Contract 10611, Carpet Replacement.

5) To declare final acceptance of the work completed as inspected by the District; to authorize release of available retainage; and to approve final payment in the amount of $5,756.15 for work completed by Paramount Communications Inc. under Contract 10291, Labor for Fiber-To-The-Home Project.

6) To declare final acceptance of the work completed as inspected by the District; to authorize release of available retainage; and to approve final payment in the amount of $10,018.80 for work completed by Eagle Pro Painting LLC. under Contract 10717, Customer Service Area Paint.

AGENDA ITEM 7, RE-OPENING THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING, CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVING THE 2026 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Commissioner Gordon re-opened the public hearing for the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and called for public comment. No public comment was provided. He called on Ms. Fulton for presentation of the agenda item.

Ms. Fulton introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet. She reported that no public comment had been received on the IRP and recommended the Commission close the public hearing and approve the 2026 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report and associated coversheet for submittal to the Department of Commerce, which was included in the Commission meeting packet.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres closing the Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report public hearing and approving the 2026 Integrated Public Resource Plan Progress Report and associated coversheet for submittal to the Department of Commerce.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 8, ADOPTING A RESOLUTION DECLARING 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.

A brief discussion was held regarding the history of the power transformer recommended for surplus and the District's equipment surplus process.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres adopting Resolution 1457
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 9, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES CONTRACT 11121 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 556.5 AAC DAHLIA CONDUCTOR FROM CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

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

A brief discussion was held regarding the utilization of the DES contract and other purchasing options available to the District.

Motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Torres authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his designee to approve the utilization of the Washington State DES Contract 11121 to purchase 556.5 AAC Dahlia conductor from CED, Inc., for a not to exceed amount of $147,909, plus applicable Washington State sales tax.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 10, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE FRANKLIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR SALMON POWER EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES
Ms. Viera introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary included in the meeting packet. She noted that she has requested the Franklin Conservation District consider a longer term Interlocal Agreement, which would eliminate the need to bring the agreement forward annually except to update pricing and other contract terms.

Motion by Commissioner Torres, seconded by Commissioner Wright authorizing the General Manger/CEO or his designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the District and the Franklin Conservation District for Salmon Power Education Program Services.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM 11, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE 2026-2027 OPERATING PLAN (QUARTER 2 YEAR 2026)
Mr. Fuentes introduced the agenda item and reviewed the background information as reported in the Agenda Item Summary and attachment included in the meeting packet. Mr. Fuentes highlighted five tactics from the 2026-2027 Operating Plan.

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:25 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO
Mr. Fuentes reported that:

- He attended the APPA National Conference.
- The WPUDA Board of Directors approved a one-time assessment for regular members to fund corrective actions identified by the Facility Condition Assessment Report, most of which are related to ongoing water intrusion in the building. Mr. Fuentes noted that the assessment was within his approval authority and has been paid.
- Staff met with Rudy Almeida, Regional Representative for Central Washington with the Office of Governor Ferguson, to discuss the impact of recent fires in Franklin County,

and future funding opportunities that may become available for pole replacement efforts.
- Ms. Fulton would provide an update on the Energy Northwest Nine Canyon Wind Project during her report.
- A discussion was held regarding Energy Northwest's plans to develop small modular reactor (SMR) technology. The District continues to support and remain engaged in the project.

FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR
Ms. Fulton reported that:
- The June KPIs were included in the Commission packet, and she reviewed pertinent slides from within the report. A brief discussion was held on the Wheat Field Wind Farm outage.
- The Federal and Financial audit closed at the end of June, and the District received a clean audit for both. The Accountability audit is nearing completion, and the exit conference has been scheduled for August 13, 2026. Commissioner Torres will attend on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. There are no findings associated with the Accountability audit, but the District will receive a management letter regarding attractive assets and an exit note on fuel cards. Staff are in the process of updating related policy and procedures.
- She provided an update on the Energy Northwest Nine Canyon Wind project. A brief discussion was held.
- For her audit, Ms. Fulton reported that Mr. Johns continues the small and attractive asset audit. She noted his progress in locating, labeling and barcoding assets for tracking within the NISC system.

ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
Mr. Hay reported that:
- He reviewed the June KPIs for Operations and Engineering, which were included in the Commission packet. A brief discussion was held regarding a recent power outage caused by a plane crash into the Columbia River that damaged a transmission line.
- He continues to monitor the District's fuel cost and provided an update on the internal meter audit.
- As noted in Mr. Fuentes' report, staff met with Rudy Almeida, Regional Representative for Central Washington with the Office of Governor Ferguson, and Toni Ball, Central Washington Regional Community Outreach Director for Senator Murray's office. Discussions during each meeting focused on the District's pole replacement efforts following the Devils Canyon and Wallace Walker fires and potential future funding opportunities.
- For his audit, staff completed an audit of outages caused by vehicles hitting utility infrastructure and reviewed findings with the Commission.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Ferraro reported that:

- He provided an update on the carpet replacement project, as well as other facilities projects and items identified following the recent power outage at the Administration building.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the District's facilities assessment, which is included in the 2026-2027 Operating Plan, will be issued next week.
- He reviewed the June KPIs for Information Technology and Safety, which were included in the Commission packet.
- The District's safety luncheon was held on July 8, 2026 and was well attended by staff.
- He provided an update on the Fiber-to-the-Home Inspection project.
- He provided an update on the power upgrade project.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Ms. Viera reported that:

- She encouraged the Commission to visit the District's YouTube channel to view the most recent video from the "Today I learned" series, which includes a blooper segment.
- She attended the June Pasco Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, which was held jointly with the Pasco City Council, and reviewed topics discussed. She also noted that the District will serve as the luncheon sponsor for the August Pasco Chamber luncheon.
- She attended the fourth Project Keeping the Lights On (KLTO) meeting hosted by the Tri-City Regional Chamber, which focused on data centers.
- She attended a public hearing on June 30, 2026 held by the Washington State Attorney General's Office (AGO) regarding proposed amendments to the Public Records Act (PRA) model rules. Ms. Viera noted that the District previously submitted comments to the AGO in November 2025 and again following additional revisions to the proposed rules in advance of the hearing.
- APPA coordinated an effort to encourage Senators to sign onto a bipartisan letter drafted by Senator Tim Sheehy that encourages the U.S. Forrest Service and Bureau of Land Management to better utilize existing authorities under Section 512 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act to improve right of way maintenance for electric infrastructure on public lands and forests. The District sent letters to Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray requesting their support. Ms. Viera also provided this information to Toni Ball, Central Washington Regional Community Outreach Director for Senator Murray's office, during her recent meeting with District staff.
- The Tri-Cities STEM Career Academy was held June 22-25, 2026, and she shared a video highlighting the event. Ms. Viera also provided an update on the survey the Foundation for Water & Energy Education (FWEE) plans to distribute to past attendees and noted that FWEE is scheduled to present during the November WPUDA Association Meetings.

- For her audit, she reviewed destruction certificates to ensure signatures had been obtained and that records were eligible for destruction. A brief discussion was held on the lifecycle of District records and processes in place within the records management program.

LEGAL COUNSEL
Mr. Whitney reported that:

- He provided an update on the Energy Northwest Ruby Flats project.

At 11:32 a.m., Commissioner Gordon called for a recess and noted it would be immediately followed by an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 11:35 a.m., the Board of Commissioners entered into an executive session to conclude at 11:55 a.m. He reported that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation as allowed per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Gordon ended the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gordon adjourned the regular meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next regular meeting will be August 25, 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

William Gordon, President

Pedro Torres, Jr., Vice President

Roger Wright, Secretary