

Minutes of
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY
June 30, 2026
BOX CANYON DAM, IONE, WA AND
VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present: Curtis J. Knapp, President
Dave Rick, Vice President
J. Troy Moody, Secretary

Staff Present: Chris Jones, General Manager
Management/District Staff
Karen Willner, Clerk of the Board

Others: Tyler Whitney, Cable Huston, LLP, virtual
Gretchen Koenig, Member of the Public
Ernie Hood, Member of the Public, virtual
Tracy Rutt, Member of the Public
David Bradbury, Member of the Public
Laura Verity, Merkle Standard Infrastructure

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Curtis J. Knapp, President followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME SUMMER STUDENT HELPERS:

Bryant Kramer, District Director of Power Production, asked the summer students: Jared Ihrig, Lani Jungblom, Dakota Katzer, Jameson Davis, and Nathan Rasmussen to introduce themselves and provide their educational goals. The Board welcomed them to the District.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The minutes from the June 16, 2026 meeting, the minutes from the June 22, 2026 special meeting, today's revised agenda, and the vouchers were reviewed.

As of this date, June 30, 2026, the Board, upon motion by Commissioner Moody and seconded by Commissioner Rick approved the following:

- The revised agenda for June 30, 2026, the minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting, and the minutes of the June 22, 2026 special meeting.
- Vouchers audited certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been

recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. Payment of those vouchers, included in the list referred to above and further described as follows: Voucher Nos. 11767 through 11813 in the total amount of \$307,673.58; ACH payments in the total amount of \$517,320.79; Wire Transfers in the total amount of \$323,747.56; and ACH payroll transactions in the total amount of \$360,828.96 for the payroll ending June 15, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS:

- Pre-Approval of Commissioner Travel or Meeting Attendance. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Commissioner Rick and seconded by Commissioner Moody to approve the Commissioner Travel or Meeting Attendance for July. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Rick attended a Tri-County Economic Development District meeting on June 24 in Colville and provided an overview.

Commissioner Knapp attended Energy Northwest meetings on June 23 - 25 in Vancouver and provided an overview.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Chris Jones, District General Manager, reported the District had a good showing of volunteers at the Newport Rodeo Parade on Saturday.

He reported that we received our purchased Pape Machinery excavator for the tree trimming crew.

He reported on the outages over this past weekend which affected many customers. He explained our settings during fire season for wildfire mitigation and reported that one outage was caused by a squirrel. We continue to work on our Vegetation Management and Wildfire Mitigation Policy and have a staff meeting this afternoon. Wildfire mitigation risk is our top priority. Discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Commissioner Knapp provided the guidelines for the session and asked if there was any business or comments from the public.

Laura Verity, Merkle Standard Infrastructure, provided public comment related to communications following an outage. Discussion was held.

Tracy Rutt, member of the public, provided public comment related to safety staff. Discussion was held.

Gretchen Koenig, member of the public, provided public comment related to the state treating water with herbicides. Discussion was held.

David Bradbury, member of the public, provided public comment commending the District's summer student helper program.

Commissioner Knapp thanked everyone for attending and for their comments.

Following a short recess, the meeting resumed.

BOX CANYON REPORT:

Mr. Kramer provided a Box Canyon Update presentation regarding water conditions, spillway bay concrete repair, Box Canyon fire suppression installation, geotechnical investigation at the Calispel Creek Dike, Calispell Powerhouse unit 2 exciter repair, Campbell Park improvements, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Dam Safety inspection, and Clark PUD visit. He thanked Lisa Enyeart, District Hydro Maintenance, for her work on a Campbell Park signage project and the Box Canyon crew for their maintenance work that resulted in a good dam safety inspection. Discussion was held.

Scott Jungblom, District Natural Resources Manager, provided an update on the Box Canyon fish ladder access improvements. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Knapp announced that a 15-minute executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment will begin at 9:55 a.m. and end at 10:10 a.m. If the executive session needs to be extended he will rejoin the open session to publicly announce an extension. No final action will be taken during the executive session. Following the executive session, he and the Board will rejoin the open session to resume the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:

A 15-minute executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment commenced at 9:55 a.m. The following were in attendance: Board of Commissioners; and Angie Rogers, District Customer Service Representative. The executive session ended at 10:12 a.m. and the Board returned to open session. No final action was taken during the executive session.

Commissioner Knapp announced that a 60-minute executive session to review the performance of a public employee will begin at 10:16 a.m. and end at 11:16 a.m. If the executive session needs to be extended he will rejoin the open session to publicly announce an extension. No final action will be taken during the executive session.

Following the executive session, he and the Board will rejoin the open session to resume the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE:

A 60-minute executive session to review the performance of a public employee commenced at 10:16 a.m. The following were in attendance: Board of Commissioners; Chris Jones, General Manager; and Tyler Whitney, Cable Huston, LLP, virtual. Mr. Jones left the executive session at 10:21 a.m. At 11:18 a.m., Commissioner Knapp publicly announced the executive session would be extended for 10 minutes and end at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Whitney left the executive session and Mr. Jones joined the executive session. The executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. and the Board returned to open session. No final action was taken during the executive session.

ACTION ITEM:

- Approval of Resolution No. 1508 – Adjusting the Compensation of the General Manager, and Approving an Amended Employment Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Moody and seconded by Commissioner Rick to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. The motion passed. Commissioner Rick was opposed.

Commissioner Knapp asked if there was any other business for the good of the order. There was none.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in the Newport Conference Room in Newport, and via Microsoft Teams.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

General Counsel
Approved as to Form