



Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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Pend Oreille PUD Board Meeting Report – May 20, 2025

NEWPORT, Wash. – The Board of Commissioners for Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 20, 2025, at the PUD's Newport office. Key actions taken during the meeting included the following:

- **Procurement of Reclosers (Contract No. 25-302):** The Board approved \$713,783.90 in budgeted Operations expenses for the purchase of single-phase and three-phase reclosers for overhead distribution lines to enhance system reliability and security.
- **Revised Community Network System Policy and Fees:** The Board approved updates to the Community Network System policy, including the addition of an updated Retail Service Provider (RSP) Agreement and clarification regarding the service cancellation process.
- **Resolution No. 1499 – Revised Pole Attachment Rates:** The Board adopted updated pole attachment rates to reflect current cost data and maintain compliance. The new rate is \$30 per attachment, a \$5 increase. The rate goes into effect on January 1, 2026.
- **Bid Award – Surplus Property (Wooden Utility Poles):** Approximately 45 wooden utility power poles and miscellaneous pole ends that were previously declared surplus were awarded to the highest bidder.
- **Declaration of Surplus – Information Technology Equipment:** The Board approved surplus designation for outdated IT equipment, such as computers. Items will be recycled or donated to a local school district or library.
- **Task Order No. 5 (Contract No. 21-018):** The Board approved a task order for McMillen Engineering Services to provide design services for access and safety improvements at the Box Canyon Dam upstream fish passage.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the PUD's Newport office. Full meeting minutes from the May 20 meeting will be reviewed and approved at that time.

About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.