



Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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Pend Oreille PUD Board Meeting Report for January 7, 2025

NEWPORT, WA. – Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) Commissioners Curt Knapp, Troy Moody and Dave Rick executed the following actions during the Board’s regularly scheduled meeting held at the District’s Newport office on January 7, 2025:

- **Election of Board Officers:** The Board elected its 2025 officers. Dave Rick will serve as Board President, Curt Knapp as Vice President and Troy Moody as Secretary.
- **Emergency Rapid Response Funding:** Approved the General Manager to execute a contract for \$1 million in Emergency Rapid Response (ERR) funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce for repairs to the Metaline Falls Transmission Line. This fully-funded grant replaces the previous \$500,000 grant and \$500,000 loan from the Public Works Board (PWB) approved in December 2024. The PUD will retain \$200,000 in PWB funding as a contingency to provide flexibility for project needs. Additional details on the new funding will be shared as they become available.
- **2025 Board Meeting Calendar:** Adopted *Resolution No. 1493* establishing the calendar for Board meetings in 2025. Board meetings will generally continue to be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Newport Office. If there is a fifth Tuesday, meetings will generally be held at Box Canyon Dam. Also new this year is that the public comment period during meetings will now be held at 9:00am instead of 10:00am.
- **District Organization Representation:** Approved representation for District Organization Participation for 2025 for outside organizations, such as industry groups.
- **Power Pole Procurement:** Approved *Contract No. 24-064* for the procurement of power poles to support infrastructure needs.

Other Business

The Board conducted its annual governance review and training with PUD General Counsel Tyler Whitney, as required by PUD bylaws. Commissioners also received a briefing on the state’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA), and its applicability to the PUD.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on **January 21, 2025**, at the Newport office. For more information, visit the Pend Oreille PUD website or contact the PUD office.

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>.