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Pend Oreille PUD Board Meeting Report for October 6, 2026

Newport, WA. - The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No.1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 6 in Newport. Here are key actions and updates from the meeting:

- **Surplus Property Bid Award - Genie Century Motor HP ½ Shop Door Openers** - The Board approved the sale of four surplus shop door openers. One bid was received.
- **NoaNet Professional Services Agreement, Contract No. 26-403** - The Board approved the General Manager to execute an agreement with NoaNet to provide professional services for the PUD's BEAD projects, including project management, design, permitting, construction management and other implementation services.
- **Unbudgeted Box Canyon Spillway Repair Project Increase** - The Board approved an additional \$103,000 for the Box Canyon spillway repair project for additional concrete work.
- **Revised Contracting and Purchasing Policy** - The Board approved updates to the PUD's Contracting and Purchasing Policy to keep purchasing and contracting procedures current with state and federal requirements and current PUD practices.

Updates & Presentations

As part of the 2027 budget process, staff presented the Board with an update on how the PUD estimates the revenue it expects to receive next year. The draft budget considers several factors, including average customer growth, which is expected to remain below 1%, and average electricity use for residential, commercial and industrial customers. For large industrial customers, the PUD is forecasting approximately \$21 million in revenue in 2027. Other revenue sources included in the budget include payments from Clark PUD and market sales.

Overall, the PUD is projecting approximately \$85 million in total revenue for 2027.

Staff also provided an update on the PUD's finances through August 2026. The PUD's cash balance is higher than expected, in part because of proceeds from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The law requires certain large businesses that produce greenhouse gas emissions to buy allowances, or credits, through state-run auctions. A portion of that money is provided to eligible utilities, including the PUD, to support energy-related programs and projects.

Revenue from residential, commercial and industrial customers through August was approximately \$13.6 million for 2026. Revenue from large industrial customers through August

was \$7.8 million. Revenue from Clark Public Utilities for power from Box Canyon Dam was at \$16.2 million.

Overall, PUD expects to spend about \$4 million on major projects before the end of 2026. These projects include continued design work on the Bare Mountain Substation, wildfire mitigation and vegetation management, improvements to the transmission system, Box Canyon spillway repairs, the new fire suppression system at Box Canyon Dam, Community Network System projects and new water meters.

The next regularly scheduled PUD Board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Newport, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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>.