

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular Commission meeting for June 2023 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on June 27, 2023. The meeting commenced at 3:01 p.m. Commissioners Chris Stearns, Linda Oosterman, and Russell E. Olsen were present for the hybrid meeting hosted via Zoom video conferencing and in-person at District Headquarters, located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. The following personnel were also present:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance and Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative (CSR) and Associate Clerk to the Board
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Stearns called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2023

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: June 14, 2023, June 21, 2023
- 2) Payroll: June 20, 2023

Other:

- 1) Resolution 23-24, DWSRF Loan Contract – Hawley Hills Consolidation
- 2) Resolution 23-25, Thurston PUD Vaccine Incentive
- 3) Resolution 23-26, Professional Service Agreement – PFAS Scope Prep for DWSRF Grant
- 4) Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements – Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600

Approval of Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comment: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

First Reading – Resolution 23-27, 2023 Rates, Fees, Charges, and Surcharges Update

AGM Parker introduced Resolution 23-27 which would update the fees associated with issuing Water Availability Letters (WALs). Commissioner Stearns asked about the difference between fees and charges, and Commissioner Olsen asked about lender letters. GM Weidenfeller, AGM Parker, and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Action/Approval Items: None

Commissioner Signatures/Break: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics including his contact with a water system in Pierce County for potential acquisition, the Coppermill 520 water system, the water rights application for the Timberline Village 628 water system, and action by the Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC) regarding the Washington State Department of Ecology Policy 2030. Commissioner Oosterman held an in-depth discussion regarding Policy 2030 and funding available for disadvantaged neighborhoods with the Board and staff.

Commissioner Olsen asked about water rights for Timberline Village 628 water system. GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question. The Board granted the GM authorization to go forward with the application for additional water rights and following up with property owners who are waiting for a water system connection on this system.

AGM Parker reported on several topics including a new landscaping equipment trailer, site visits by the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), and meeting documents for signature.

The DFO spoke about a leak recently repaired at the Pedersen Place 604 water system. Commissioner Oosterman asked about disconnections, the new law prohibiting disconnections during periods of high temperatures, and easements; DFO Campbell and FCSM Tartt addressed these questions.

DPC Gubbe briefly reported on projects that she is currently working on. Commissioner Olsen asked about any customer feedback from the action on the District's Cross Connection Control Program; the DPC addressed the Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Oosterman asked about recruitment efforts and technical schools in the area; GM Weidenfeller and ASC Miller addressed this topic with the Board. The Commissioner also asked about weather patterns on average for this time of the year, related to budgeted revenue; FCSM Tartt addressed the Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Oosterman spoke about a Partners in Emergency Preparedness (PIEP) webinar she will be reviewing. Commissioner Olsen spoke about a personal matter. Commissioner Stearns reported on the entrance interview he attended with the State Auditor's Office (SAO) and the WWUC meeting he recently attended at PUD Headquarters.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to adjourn: Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Email the letter received from the Kershaw Family to Commissioner Olsen.

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (Aug 16, 2023 15:12 PDT)

Chris Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Linda Oosterman

Linda Oosterman (Aug 17, 2023 13:17 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Acting Secretary












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