

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The first special Commission meeting for November 2023 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on November 7, 2023. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Chris Stearns, Linda Oosterman, and Russell E. Olsen were present for the meeting hosted in-person at District Headquarters, located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503.

District personnel present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance and Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order:**

Commissioner Stearns called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Agenda Items:**

The Board dismissed District staff to discuss projected activities.

Staff was recalled to the meeting at 6:15 p.m. GM Weidenfeller spoke briefly on the following items:

- PFAS updates – the Board was briefed on and favored seeking grant funding for PFAS remediation in ten water systems.
- Consolidation of Water Systems- the Board was briefed on and looked favorably on consolidation of the Prairie Ridge water system with the Tolmie and Hawk Acres water systems and of chlorination of the Prairie Ridge system based on a recent E.coli sample.
- Water system growth – future potential water system connection was discussed with the Board.
- Water revenue for 2023 – staff discussed positive 2023 revenue trends with the Board.
- Potential surplus reallocation options – the Board was briefed on and favored \$750,000 in revenue reallocation.
- Water trees - the Board was briefed on and favored water tree use at the Countrywood, Meadows, Scattercreek Ranch, Lew's 81<sup>st</sup>, Maxvale, Webster Hill, Elk Heights, Quail Run, Terry Lane, Valley Meadows, and Timberline Village water systems.
- Election costs – Commissioner Stearns was interested in receiving additional information on the potential future costs for elections based on the County and Port's each having five Commission seats as approved by the voters. Thurston PUD is now the only entity that has three Commission Districts.
- Future fuel prices and budget impacts – FACS Manager TaSeana Tartt briefed the Board on projected future fuel prices.
- Green Cove Creek culvert replacement project – Staff discussed this project with the Board noting WPUDA is working to try and have fish bearing stream culvert utility relocation costs included in the Governor's budget request. The new estimate for this project is \$670,000.

**Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.**

*Christopher Stearns*

Christopher Stearns (Nov 29, 2023 16:27 PST)

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Chris Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Russell E Olsen*

Russell E Olsen (Nov 28, 2023 17:32 PST)

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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and Secretary











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