

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2024
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular Commission meeting for January 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on January 23, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Linda Oosterman and Chris Stearns 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; Commissioner Russell E. Olsen was excused from the meeting. District staff and other personnel present at the meeting include:

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

Call to Order:

Commissioner Olsen called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 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: None

Prequalification of Contractors: Capital Tree Experts, LLC

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: January 10, 2024, January 17, 2024
- 2) Payroll: January 19, 2024

Other:

- 1) Excuse Commissioner Oosterman from Regular Commission Meeting on January 9, 2024
- 2) Excuse Commissioner Olsen from Regular Commission Meeting on January 23, 2024
- 3) Reminder: WPUDA Association Meetings, February 14-16, 2024

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:

Discussion – 2024 Health Insurance Premium Update

AGM Parker provided a brief update on the health insurance premiums for 2024.

Discussion – Agenda for Strategic Planning Session, February 6, 2024

GM Weidenfeller presented the proposed agenda for the Board’s Strategic Planning Session scheduled on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Commissioner Oosterman asked about GM Weidenfeller’s overview; the GM addressed the Commissioner’s question. Commissioner Stearns spoke about WPUA, their lobbying activities, and water issues in Washington state. The Board discussed this topic at length with GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker.

Discussion – Strategic Plan Performance Measures and Action Steps Report, 4th Quarters 2023 Update

AGM Parker presented the updated Strategic Plan Performance Measures and Action Steps report. Commissioner Oosterman asked about the specific data updated; Commissioner Stearns inquired about the comparison of the District’s consumption tiers to other entities’ tier structure. AGM Parker and GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioners’ questions. The Board conversed with staff at length regarding water conservation and water use efficiency. Staff also gave an update on the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system main line replacement project.

Action/Approval Items:

Resolution 24-04, Investment Plan for Out of County Consolidations

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-04 as presented; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Signatures/Break: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on a meeting he recently attended with DPC Gubbe and a representative with Crosscut regarding PFAS and the Lazy Acres 351 water system. Commissioner Oosterman spoke about a Thurston County Commissioner with cancer, related to PFAS and the forever chemicals used by firemen and firewomen. The Board further discussed this topic with GM Weidenfeller. Commissioner Stearns also asked about the amendment to Washington State Department of Ecology’s Municipal Water Law policy; GM Weidenfeller addressed this question.

Commissioner Stearns asked about a recent fire at a customer’s property on the Deerfield Park 2 682 (Hawley Hills 686) water system. DFO Campbell addressed the Commissioner’s question.

DPC Gubbe reported on the status of the Christmas Tree well project on the Pattison 500 water system. DPC Gubbe and DFO Campbell will also lead a water system tour with two Washington State Department of Health staff members.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns asked GM Weidenfeller to give an update on the most recent Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting, so the GM discussed topics addressed at that meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Going forward, send the Board viewing information for legislative hearings related to water bills and/or water issues in Washington state.
- 2) Schedule a presentation to the Board regarding the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system main line replacement project.

Linda Oosterman

Linda Oosterman (Feb 14, 2024 16:32 PST)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (Feb 14, 2024 18:48 PST)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary











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