

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2024
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular Commission meeting for March 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on March 26, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:02 p.m. Commissioners Linda Oosterman, Russell E. Olsen, 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. District staff 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)
- Doug Piehl, District Engineer
- Mariah Montague, Customer Service Supervisor
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative and Associate Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Oosterman called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2024

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: March 14, 2024, March 20, 2024
- 2) Payroll: March 20, 2024

Other:

- 1) Schedule TPUD Employee Picnic, July 26, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Pioneer Park in Tumwater
- 2) Schedule Public Hearing – Glen Alder DWSRF Surcharge Amendment, April 23, 2024
- 3) Reminder: WPUDA Water Committee Meeting, March 28, 2024 (Zoom)
- 4) Resolution 24-09, Authorization to Surplus

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comment:

Tanglewilde Recreation Center Commissioner Pirie was present for the meeting and voiced his support with the District for a PFAS treatment system to be installed at the Tanglewilde Recreation Center site. District Commissioners thanked Commissioner Pirie for his support.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Overview of Tanglewilde Mainline Replacement, Phase 1

District Engineer Piehl presented on Phase 1 of the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 mainline replacement project. The Board had several questions for staff regarding this project, and staff addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Discussion – Glen Alder 522 DWSRF Surcharge Amendment

AGM Parker presented staff's recommendation to amend the Glen Alder 522 DWSRF surcharge amount now that construction is complete and at a lower cost than estimated. Discussion with staff and Commissioners ensued. A Public Hearing date was set for Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Resolution 24-12, Construction Contract for Berry 2 671 & Berry 3 672 Pumphouse Replacement

DPC Gubbe informed the Board that construction bids came in over the engineer's estimate. Staff decided to look at other options for this project to help lower the costs. This resolution has been tabled at this time.

Action/Approval Items:

Resolution 24-10, Policies and Procedures Update

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-10 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Stearns consulted with the Board on who to support for the open WPUDA Secretary position. Commissioners discussed this topic and came to a consensus.

Commissioner Signatures/Break: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller presented his written report. Commissioners discussed water rights with the GM.

AGM Parker discussed the Green Cove Creek culvert replacement project with the Board and the current political climate. AGM Parker and FCSM Tartt explained the District's compensatory time tracking and policies to Commissioners. Staff addressed several questions by Commissioner Oosterman.

DFO Campbell presented his written report. Commissioner Oosterman had questions regarding tree removal in Packwood; DFO Campbell answered her questions.

DPC Gubbe presented her report and briefly updated the Board on the Lead Service Line Inventory project and sanitary surveys her team is currently working on.

FCSM Tartt presented her financial report. Commissioner Stearns had a question about the dashboard, and FCSM Tartt addressed the Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns reported on the recent WPUDA meeting he attended. He also reported on a meeting he will be attending later this week.

Executive Session:

At 6:31 p.m., Commissioner Oosterman announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b), for 10 minutes until 6:41 p.m. At 6:41 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed. No decisions were made by the Board during the Executive Session.

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Schedule Public Hearing for the Glen Alder DWSRF surcharge amendment on April 23, 2024 and advertise accordingly.

Linda Oosterman

Linda Oosterman (Apr 17, 2024 12:42 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Chris Stearns

Chris Stearns (Apr 25, 2024 14:43 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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