

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 9, 2024
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular Commission meeting for July 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on July 9, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:00 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
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Oosterman 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 Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2024
Prequalification of Contractors: None
Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: June 26, 2024, July 3, 2024
- 2) Payroll: July 5, 2024

Other:

- 1) WPUA Association Meetings, July 17-19, 2024 (McMenamins Kalama/Cowlitz PUD)

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: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Introduction of New PUD Employee – Dannie King

FD Tartt introduced the PUD's new Accounting Assistant, Dannie King, to the Board. Dannie spoke about her professional background, and each Board member briefly spoke to her.

Discussion – Proposed Changes to Public Hearing Dates for 2025 Budget

GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker presented proposed changes to the Public Hearing and Commission meeting dates in September and October of this year due to scheduling conflicts. The Board discussed this topic at length with District staff. The Board approved the following:

- Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – Schedule a Public Hearing during the regular Commission meeting starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Schedule a special Commission meeting and Public Hearing starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – Cancel the regular Commission meeting.
- Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – Schedule a special Commission meeting starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 7, 2024 – Schedule a special Commission meeting to consider adoption of the 2025 Budget, Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges, and Ad Valorem Assessment, if not adopted at the meeting on October 1, 2024. (This meeting is tentative.)

1st Reading – Resolution 24-28, Tanglewilde 600 Treatment Engineering Contract

AGM Parker presented Resolution 24-28 which would authorize the General Manager to sign a contract with Stantec Consulting Services for the engineering project report and design drawings for the Tanglewilde 600 PFAS treatment project. Commissioner Stearns asked about the letters sent to customers on the ten water systems that require PFAS remediation, how the contract is being handled, since it's a new situation, and staff's confidence level with the contract; GM Weidenfeller, AGM Parker, and FD Tartt addressed the Commissioner's questions.

Action/Approval Items:

Resolution 24-27, 1st Amended 2024 Operating Budget

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-27 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Signatures/Break: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker submitted written reports, but the Commissioners did not have any questions about them.

DFO Campbell recently returned to the office after being out on vacation. The DFO reported on the Tolmie Estates 239 project, per GM Weidenfeller's request. The GM and DFO Campbell also provided an update on well testing for the new Pattison 500 Casebolt well.

GM Weidenfeller reported on two personnel issues, including an opening for a temporary Field Operations I position.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen did not have a report.

Commissioner Stearns will attend the funeral for retired Mason PUD 3 Commissioner Bruce Jorgenson this week.

Commissioner Oosterman will attend the July Forum for the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce at Saint Martin's University this week; there will be a presentation on Artificial Intelligence.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Advertise the updated Public Hearing and Commission meeting schedule for September/October 2025 accordingly.

Linda Oosterman

Linda Oosterman (Jul 29, 2024 12:24 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (Jul 25, 2024 21:16 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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