

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2025
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for June 2025 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on June 10, 2025. 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 Olsen was excused from the meeting. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative and Associate 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 Oosterman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: May 27, 2025

Prequalification of Contractors: JS Trucking and Excavation LLC

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: May 28, 2025, June 4, 2025
- 2) Payroll: June 5, 2025

Other:

- 1) Reminder: July 16-18, 2025 – WPUA Association Meetings, Skagit PUD in Mt. Vernon
- 2) Reminder: 2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2025 – PUD Employee Picnic, Pioneer Park in Tumwater
- 3) Notice of Cancellation: WPUA Quarterly Water Committee Meeting (previously scheduled for June 26, 2025; held instead on May 30, 2025)
- 4) Excuse Commissioner Russell E. Olsen from the Regular Commission Meeting on June 10, 2025

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comments: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – 2026 Budget Priorities

GM Weidenfeller reminded the Board that input on budget priorities for 2026 are due to District staff.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-17, Tanglewilde 600 Project 1 Mainline Replacement Construction Contract

GM Weidenfeller presented Resolution 25-17 which would award the construction contract for the Project 1 mainline replacement project for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. Bidding closes on June 18, 2025. Commissioner Stearns asked about potential bidders; GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on a potential acquisition for a water system located within Thurston County. The GM and DPC Gubbe reported on the status of the Green Cove Creek culvert replacement project. Commissioner Stearns asked about preparing the pipe for changes in temperature and weather; Commissioner Oosterman asked about the manufacturing origin of some of the valves. GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

AGM Parker reported on suspension of disconnection procedures because of HB 1329 which became effective in 2024; the District suspends water service disconnection through hot summer months, to follow up with past due customers in October. Commissioner Oosterman asked about customer communications for those that would normally be disconnected; Commissioner Stearns asked about the strategic investment in technology. AGM Parker and FD Tartt addressed the Commissioners' questions and discussed project priorities with the Board.

GM Weidenfeller reported on two personnel updates within the Field Operations Team. DFO Campbell reported on the work recently completed by his staff members. Both Commissioners spoke with the DFO and DPC Gubbe on a variety of topics.

DPC Gubbe gave an update on several projects that are currently underway for the District. GM Weidenfeller also reported on a request for public records received from a Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system customer regarding the PFAS remediation project at the community park.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen was excused from the meeting.

Commissioner Oosterman read her resignation letter – the Commissioner is resigning, and her last day will be July 31, 2025. The Board discussed Commissioner Oosterman's resignation at length.

Commissioner Stearns reported on the meetings he recently attended and the topics discussed at those meetings. The Board discussed these topics at length.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Assignments: None

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (Jul 3, 2025 11:34 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Linda Oosterman

Linda Oosterman (Jul 10, 2025 15:20 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary










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