

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 8, 2025
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for July 2025 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on July 8, 2025. 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 (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)
- David Gruver, Assistant Director of Field Operations (ADFO)
- 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 Olsen made a motion to amend the agenda to move a celebration for Commissioner Oosterman after Commissioner Assignments on the agenda: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: None

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: June 25, 2025, July 2, 2025
- 2) Payroll: July 3, 2025

Other:

- 1) Reminder: July 16-18, 2025 – WPUDA Association Meetings, Skagit PUD in Mt. Vernon
- 2) Excuse Commissioner Olsen from the Regular Commission Meeting on July 22, 2025

Approval of Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.

Public Comments:

There were several individuals present for the regular meeting at PUD Headquarters, though none provided public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Google Reviews and Yelp Reviews

AGM Parker presented information and a proposed solution regarding reviews published through Google and on Yelp in response to a Commissioner request last year. Commissioner Olsen asked about a government designation on these reviews; Commissioner Oosterman asked about the age of the reviews. AGM Parker addressed the Commissioners' questions.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-20, Moratorium on Exempt Wells Within Pattison 500 Water System Boundary

GM Weidenfeller presented Resolution 25-20 which would establish a temporary moratorium on District approval and non-objection to new exempt wells within the boundaries of the Pattison 500 water system until additional research and policy implementation can be completed. The GM discussed this topic at length with the Board. Commissioner Olsen pointed out the challenge of to achieve a policy that is "fair and equitable" to established and new customers; the Board discussed this topic further with GM Weidenfeller.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 25-19, 1st Amended 2025 Operating Budget

FD Tarrt presented Resolution 25-19 which would revise the 2025 Operating Budget to incorporate several changes to both the General and Water Fund expenses. **Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-19 as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics, including potential water system acquisitions and two member advisories published by the Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC). Commissioner Olsen asked about customer correspondence regarding the PFAS remediation project at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system; Commissioner Stearns asked for an update on water use efficiency and legislative regulations. GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

AGM Parker reported on the transfer of federal funding from the Green Cove Creek culvert replacement project to Spanaway 192nd 669 and Cooperfield 678 water systems. AGM Parker also reported on the recruitment for the Assistant Director of Field Operations position, recently filled by David Gruver.

DFO Campbell did not submit a written report, but he reported on a few recent issues resolved by the Field Operations Team. Commissioner Oosterman asked about reservoir cleaning; Commissioner Stearns asked about the project planned at the Biscay Acres 675 water system. DFO Campbell and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

DPC Gubbe reported that the first chlorine generation plant at the Pattison 500 water system has been installed. DPC Gubbe also elaborated on projects at the Pattison 500 water system and provided an update on the permit, connections, and water rights at the Timberline Village 628 water system.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen will attend the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting this week on July 10, 2025, and will give a report on that meeting in the future. Commissioner Olsen also addressed Commissioner Oosterman to thank her for her service as Commissioner for the District.

Commissioner Oosterman did not provide a report.

Commissioner Stearns attended the recent Puget Sound Regional Council and Thurston Regional Planning Council meetings; the Commissioner spoke about the topics discussed at those meetings.

Celebration of Commissioner Oosterman's 13 Years with Thurston PUD

The Board made a motion to adjourn before enjoying light refreshments with meeting attendees.

Executive Session: None


Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Assignments: None


Christopher Stearns (Jul 30, 2025 11:33:16 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:


Linda Oosterman (Jul 22, 2025 21:19:51 EDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary










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