

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for October 2025 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on October 14, 2025. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners 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 approve the agenda as amended: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2025

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: October 1, 2025, October 8, 2025
- 2) Payroll: October 6, 2025

Other:

- 1) Resolution 25-30, Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 Mainline Replacement Project 2 Engineering Contract
- 2) Resolution 25-31, City of Lacey Emergency Intertie Agreement
- 3) Resolution 25-32, Release of Water Utility Easement at Pattison 500 (Aurora Oaks Subdivision)
- 4) Schedule Public Hearing on October 28, 2025 on the Cedar Shores 677 Generator Surcharge

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 Comments: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Retirement and Appointment Celebration for Jim Campbell

GM Weidenfeller spoke about the celebration for DFO Campbell, tentatively scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025. The Board discussed the event with GM Weidenfeller and agreed to the date and time proposed by District staff. Commissioner Olsen will not be in attendance; Commissioner Stearns's attendance is unknown at this time.

Discussion – Cancel Second Regular Commission Meeting

The Board discussed this topic with District staff at length. **Commissioner Olsen made a motion to cancel the second regular Commissioner meeting scheduled in December on December 23, 2025: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Discussion – PUD Employee Holiday Party

GM Weidenfeller spoke briefly about the employee holiday party, tentatively scheduled on Friday, December 5, 2025.

Discussion – Cedar Shores 677 Generator Surcharge Adjustment

GM Weidenfeller spoke briefly about the upcoming Public Hearing on the generator surcharge adjustment for the Cedar Shores 677 water system.

Discussion – JBLM Offer for Free Testing on Selected Group B Water Systems in Pierce County

GM Weidenfeller reported on an offer for free PFAS testing on selected Group B water systems in Pierce County; the GM recommends declining testing at this time. Commissioner Stearns asked about the effect of the District's relationship with the Tacoma Pierce County Public Health Department if staff declines the free testing offer; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-33, Policies and Procedures Update

AGM Parker introduced Resolution 25-33, approval of which would adopt a few changes to District Policy 100-023 Purchase Authority Levels. Commissioner Stearns asked if this policy applies to water treatment supplies and the new wellfield at the Pattison 500 water system; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

Action/Approval Item(s): None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several potential water system acquisitions by the District and the work involved with those acquisitions. The GM reported on a few other topics, including attempts to sell the Walczak 620 water system, communications on water rates, and action items required following the most recent Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting. Commissioner Stearns asked about the GM's contact with new representatives with Lewis County; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

AGM Parker gave an update on PFAS claims; DuPont will award the District \$101,050 as part of the PFAS settlement. Commissioner Stearns clarified with the AGM that the money will be added to the Emerging Contaminants Fund created to cover operations and maintenance associated with PFAS remediation and ongoing treatment.

DFO Campbell deferred to ADFO Gruver to provide a staff report; ADFO Gruver spoke briefly about the recent work completed by the Field Operations Team. Commissioner Stearns asked about replacing water meters and continuing this in the future when DFO Campbell transitions to PUD Commissioner. Both Commissioners spoke with District staff on meters, funding, and security.

DPC Gubbe reported briefly on the Pattison 500 water system project and the continued wait on an automatic transfer switch for that system.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen reported on his attendance at the most recent Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC), the topics discussed at the meeting, and what topics he is interested in working with that group on in the future. Commissioner Olsen will be attending an upcoming budget meeting with WPUDA.

Commissioner Stearns attended the most recent Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting, and he reported on the topics discussed at that meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Advertise and post notice for a potential quorum of the Board on Friday, October 24, 2025, for the retirement/appointment celebration planned for Jim Campbell.
- 2) Advertise and post notice for the cancelation of the second regular Commission meeting in December on December 23, 2025.
- 3) Send a certificate of appreciation to John Pirie for his communication to Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system customers associated with the PFAS remediation project.

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Oct 31, 2025 14:22:54 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Russell E. Olsen
Russell E. Olsen (Oct 28, 2025 19:44:13 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and Vice President









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