

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for November 2025 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on November 25, 2025. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Jim Campbell, 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- David Gruver, Acting 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 Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented: Commissioner Olson seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2025, November 4, 2025

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: November 5, 2025, November 12, 2025, November 19, 2025
- 2) Payroll: November 5, 2025, November 20, 2025

Other:

- 1) Reminder: PUD Employee Holiday Party, 2:30 p.m. on December 5, 2025
- 2) Resolution 25-43, 1st Amended 2026 Operating Budget
- 3) Resolution 25-47, Purchase Contract, Tanglewilde 600 PFAS Treatment Vessels and Media

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comments:

There were no members of the public present for the meeting. GM Weidenfeller mentioned an inquiry he received regarding District benefits.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Update on Water System Acquisition, Dana Passage

GM Weidenfeller reported on a meeting that District staff had with the Dana Passage Water System (DPWS) Board of Directors and follow up on the potential acquisition of this system. Commissioner Olsen expressed his view on the ongoing acquisition process; the Commissioner asked about the end to negotiations and asked for a final date. GM Weidenfeller held a lengthy discussion on this topic with the Board.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-41, 2nd Amended 2025 Operating Budget

FD Tatt presented Resolution 25-41, adoption of which would revise the 2025 Operating Budget with several changes, and she spoke briefly to each change proposed in the resolution. Commissioner Olsen asked that GM Weidenfeller research the modifications that Lewis County made to their low-income program in case staff can use this information for the District's Project Help Customer Support Program.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-44, Water Service Policy Manual Update

FD Tatt presented Resolution 25-41, adoption of which would revise the District's Water Service Policy Manual to clarify when leak adjustments can be provided to customers, after a leak is repaired and verified by District staff.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-45, DWSRF Loan Contract for Spanaway 192nd 669 PFAS Remediation

DPC Gubbe and GM Weidenfeller briefly introduced Resolution 25-45, adoption of which would authorize the GM to sign the contract of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for the Spanaway 192nd 669 PFAS Remediation Project.

1st Reading – Resolution 25-46, DWSRF Loan Contract for Sandra 627 PFAS Remediation

DPC Gubbe and GM Weidenfeller briefly introduced Resolution 25-46, adoption of which would authorize the GM to sign the contract of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for the Sandra 627 PFAS Remediation Project.

Action/Approval Item(s): None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller provided an updated report, and he spoke about a few potential water system acquisitions within Thurston County. The GM also reported on the potential sale of District water systems to other public entities like Lewis County and Pierce County. Commissioner Stearns asked about the potential sale of the Walczak 620 water system; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

ADFO Gruver provided two updates to his report. DPC Gubbe spoke briefly on Resolution 25-47 which was adopted earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Stearns mentioned that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced the approval of pesticides made with PFAS.

FD Tatt reported on communications to Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system customers regarding an upcoming service outage.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Campbell recently attended Association meetings at WPUDA; he discussed his experience with the event and the topics discussed at the meetings. Commissioner Stearns clarified with GM Weidenfeller on the meetings that the District's lobbyist will attend.

Commissioner Stearns also recently attended Association meetings at WPUDA; the Commissioner spoke about the new Executive Director at the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

The Board agreed to review the GM evaluation and bring comments back to the next regular Commission meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Per Commissioner Olsen's request, research the modifications made by Lewis County to their Low-Income Program to determine if any information can be used for the District's Project Help Customer Support Program.
- 2) Schedule an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) at the regular Commission meeting on December 9, 2025.

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Dec 18, 2025 14:56:48 PST)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

James Campbell
James Campbell (Dec 10, 2025 09:55:51 PST)

James Campbell, Commissioner and Secretary

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