MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for February 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on February 10, 2026. 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- David Gruver, Acting Director of Field Operations (ADFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:
Commissioner Olsen called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:
Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as amended: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:
Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2026
Prequalification of Contractors: None
Correspondence: None
Voucher Approval:

1) Accounts Payables: January 28, 2026, February 4, 2026
2) Payroll: February 5, 2026

Other:

1) Reminder: Association Meetings (WPUDA in Olympia), February 11-13, 2026
2) Reminder: PUD Day on the Hill, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – February 11, 2026
3) Resolution 26-10, Acquisition of Dana Passage Water System
4) Resolution 26-11, Adoption of Dana Passage Transition Rates 2026
5) Resolution 26-12, DWSRF Loan, Dana Passage
6) Authorize Commissioner Campbell to Attend WPUDA Legislative Rally, Travel to Washington D.C. February 22, 2026 – March 1, 2026
7) Excuse Commissioner Campbell from the Regular Commission Meeting on February 24, 2026

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

Public Comments:
There were two members of the public present in person at PUD Headquarters and one virtual attendee on Zoom. Austin Jenkins, President of the Dana Passage Water System, introduced himself and spoke to his contact with District staff on that system's acquisition. Chris Pettit, Drinking Water State Revolving

Fund (DWSRF) Program Manager, also introduced himself and spoke about the Dana Passage Water System acquisition by the District.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

1st Reading – Resolution 26-06, DWSRF Contract for Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600, PFAS Treatment Construction Project
AGM Parker presented Resolution 26-06, adoption of which would award the contract for the DWSRF PFAS Treatment Construction Project for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. Commissioner Stearns asked about the District's comparison with other utilities in terms of bidding and contracting for PFAS remediation projects. Commissioner Olsen asked about potential discussions looking for nonpolluters and ongoing funding for emerging contaminants remediation. Mr. Pettit responded at length to both Commissioners.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-07, Policies and Procedures Update
FD Tartt presented Resolution 26-07, adoption of which would revise the District's Procedure 700-001 Disconnection Week with several changes.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-09, 2nd Amended 2026 Operating Budget
FD Tartt presented Resolution 26-09, adoption of which would revise the District's 2026 Operating Budget to incorporate several changes to the General and Water Funds. FD Tartt added that District staff is requesting a $15,000 allocation to the Project Help Customer Support Program from the Water Fund. Commissioner Campbell asked if customers contribute to Project Help; Commissioner Olsen asked about usage information for this program. FD Tartt addressed both Commissioners' questions.

Action/Approval Item(s): None

Presentations:
GM Weidenfeller reported on the acquisition of the Dana Passage Water System; the GM also reported on a potential acquisition in Thurston County. Commissioner Stearns spoke about the possible causes of iron and manganese issues in Thurston County. GM Weidenfeller also discussed the upcoming Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting.

AGM Parker directed the Board to the specific location in her written report that covers statistics on the Project Help Customer Assistance Program. Commissioner Olsen discussed state law related to funding for low-income programs and demographics of District customers with GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker. Commissioner Stearns provided information to Mr. Jenkins on the District's URAC group.

ADFO Gruver provided several updates regarding work recently performed by the Field Operations Team. Commissioner Campbell asked about a power issue at the Pattison 500 water system; the ADFO addressed the Commissioner's question. Upon a request by the GM, the ADFO also provided an update on the new generator for the Ridgewood 609 water system.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:
Commissioner Campbell reported on the upcoming Association meetings at WPUDA later in the week. The Commissioner has attended a few events like trainings, a Lacey Chamber meeting, and a Thurston

Regional Planning Council (TRPC) meeting. Commissioner Campbell discussed a volunteer opportunity through TRPC and the recent WASWD Commissioner Workshop he attended.

Commissioner Stearns also attended the WASWD Commissioner Workshop; he spoke about the benefits of attending events through this group. The Commissioner also discussed the recent Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting and drought in Washington state. GM Weidenfeller spoke about an update to the water treatise for 2026 by the state's attorney general.

Upon Commissioner Olsen's request, GM Weidenfeller spoke about his work with the District's lobbyist on legislative bills during the current session, including any bills of concern for the District. Mr. Pettit also addressed the Board about the state's Public Works Trust Fund. Commissioner Olsen finished his report with a reminder about the upcoming URAC meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Assignments: None

Russell E. Olsen
Russell E. Olsen (Feb 25, 2026 13:42:25 PST)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Mar 2, 2026 12:16:04 PST)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary

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