

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

The first regular meeting for March 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on March 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)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- 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 Olsen 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 Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Consent Calendar:**

Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: February 25, 2026, March 4, 2026
- 2) Payroll: March 5, 2026

Other:

- 1) Reminder: Association Meetings at WPUDA (Olympia), March 18-20, 2026
- 2) Schedule Employee Appreciation Breakfast (PUD Field Operations), 8:15 a.m. on May 5, 2026
- 3) Resolution 26-15, Policies and Procedures Update

**Approval of Consent Calendar:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Two members of the public were present virtually; though it's possible that there was only one individual present – the two attendees shared the same name. The individual(s) didn't provide public comment.

**Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:**

**Discussion – Potential Dates for PUD Employee Picnic, Pioneer Park in Tumwater**

AGM Parker presented four dates for the Board to choose from to hold the annual PUD employee picnic at Pioneer Park in Tumwater. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed upon the date of Friday, June 26, 2026.

**Action/Approval Item(s):**

**Resolution 26-06, DWSRF Contract for Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600, PFAS Treatment Construction Project**

DPC Gubbe presented an updated Resolution 26-06 which includes contract award information. Commissioner Stearns asked about the bid amounts received for this project; DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-06 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Resolution 26-14, Revision to URAC Bylaws**

AGM Parker briefly presented Resolution 26-14, adoption of which would revise the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) Bylaws. Commissioner Olsen explained that there were no suggestions from the URAC on the proposed revision; the Commissioner recommends adoption of the resolution. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-14 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller reported on a meeting between WPUDA, WWUC, and the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding two Ecology policies with proposed revisions. The Board further discussed this topic with the GM. GM Weidenfeller also reported on an upcoming Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (RWCPC) meeting at PUD Headquarters later in the week.

AGM Parker and GM Weidenfeller spoke about security concerns and IT coverage with the Board. The AGM reported on an additional \$115,000 payment to be received from 3M for the PFAS settlement agreement.

GM Weidenfeller provided an update on the Field Operations Team, including a large outage caused by a vendor hitting a water line at the Palermo 691 water system. Commissioner Olsen asked about reimbursement for these types of issues. Commissioner Stearns spoke about how war in the Middle East affects materials and supplies that the District needs to make repairs. GM Weidenfeller discussed these topics with the Board at length.

DPC Gubbe provided updates on several District projects, including mainline replacement at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system and the reservoir at the Pattison 500 water system. Commissioner Stearns asked about a summary on radio read meters that have been installed for District customers; the DPC addressed the Commissioner's question.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:**

Commissioner Campbell reported at length on his trip to Washington, D.C. for the WPUDA Legislative Rally and meetings with local congressional representatives. The Board further discussed Commissioner Campbell's work during this trip.

Commissioner Stearns did not have a report.

Commissioner Olsen reported on the recent Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting he attended. The Board held a lengthy discussion on environmental regulation, polluters, and contaminant remediation. Commissioner Olsen also provided an update on the current legislative session, specifically SB 6346.

At 5:45 p.m., Commissioner Olsen announced that a short break would be observed before the Board enters into an Executive Session. At 5:50 p.m., the break ended, and the regular meeting resumed.

**Executive Session: At 5:50 p.m., Commissioner Olsen announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), for five minutes until 5:55 p.m. At 5:55 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed. No decisions were made during Executive Session.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.**

**Assignments:**

- 1) Post notice for Commissioner attendance at the PUD Employee Picnic on Friday, June 26, 2026.

*Russell E. Olsen*  
Russell E. Olsen (Mar 24, 2026 19:02:55 PDT)

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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Christopher Stearns*  
Christopher Stearns (Mar 27, 2026 10:50:01 PDT)

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Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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