

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular meeting for March 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on March 24, 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:

- 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 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: March 10, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: March 11, 2026, March 18, 2026
- 2) Payroll: March 20, 2026

Other:

- 1) Reminder: WPUA Annual Conference (Suquamish, WA), April 29, 2026 – May 1, 2026
- 2) Excuse Commissioner Olsen from the Regular Commission Meeting on April 14, 2026
- 3) Resolution 26-17, Lease Agreement Amendment, 1240 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, WA 98503

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: one virtual attendee and one in-person attendee. Both attendees did not provide public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Right of Way Issues, Tanglewilde Mainline Replacement Project

AGM Parker presented information on issues experienced during Phase 1 of the mainline replacement project at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. As a result of these issues and the increased cost incurred by the District during the project, District staff has prepared proposed preliminary policies to address right-of-way issues and disputes. Commissioners Olsen and Stearns discussed this topic with AGM Parker at length. A presentation by staff will be scheduled at a subsequent meeting for the Board to review and discuss further.

Discussion – Precinct Adjustment and Future District Boundaries

AGM Parker provided information on contact District staff recently had with Thurston County regarding precincts within the District's Commissioner Districts. The AGM recommended that the District continue using the precinct system and have precincts updated to review the changes this year and upcoming years until the next census. The Board discussed this topic at length with AGM Parker. The Board agreed to the AGM's recommendation to continue using the precinct system to review and shape ideas for the next few years.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-16, DWSRF Contract for Whiskey Hollow 670, PFAS Treatment Construction Project

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-16, adoption of which would award the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) construction contract for the PFAS treatment remediation project at the Whiskey Hollow 670 water system. Commissioner Stearns asked about the location of the Whiskey Hollow 670 water system and the source of PFAS contamination; DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question.

Action/Approval Item(s): None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller submitted a written report, but he was excused from the meeting. AGM Parker reported on several items from the GM's report, including an update on the Dana Passage Water System acquisition, a system tour of a potential system acquisition, a community meeting attended by District staff, and a presentation and water system tour for a Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water staff member. Commissioner Campbell remarked on a new water system listed on the GM's report for potential acquisition; Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Stearns briefly discussed this water system.

AGM Parker provided an update on the amount of funds received from the PFAS contamination settlements.

ADFO Gruver reported on a few items, including well work at the Meadows 690 water system, flushing, and the potential acquisition system tour. Upon Commissioner Olsen's inquiry, the ADFO spoke about a possible power issue at the Elk Heights 247 water system where a recent outage occurred. Commissioner Campbell asked about tours; Commissioner Stearns asked about a recent outage at the Palermo 691 water system. ADFO Gruver addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Stearns asked about an extension to a notice to proceed date for the Prairie Ridge 605 water system and any potential impact to funding. DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question,

and she provided an update on an extension to a few other emerging contaminant grants/loans offered by DOH.

FD Tartt provided a written report.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen will not attend the next regular meeting scheduled on April 14, 2026. The Commissioner spoke about the approach to the precinct issue discussed earlier in the meeting. He also reported on the Legislative Session ending.

Commissioner Stearns reported on the topics discussed at the Association meetings at WPUDA this month.

Commissioner Campbell reported on the Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County meeting hosted at the District earlier this month. The Commissioners also spoke about the Association meetings he attended along with Commissioner Stearns.

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 5:45 p.m.


Assignments:

- 1) Schedule the presentation on right-of-way issues at a subsequent regular Commission meeting for Board review and discussion. Prior to this presentation, contact Thurston County to inquire on how many permits for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system boundary has been issued to property owners for right-of-way work.


James Campbell (Apr 15, 2026 08:28:07 PDT)

James Campbell, Commissioner and Vice President

Attest:


Christopher Stearns (Apr 22, 2026 08:35:03 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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