

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for April 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on April 14, 2026. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Jim Campbell 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; Commissioner Russell E. Olsen was excused from the meeting. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- Doug Piehl, District Engineer
- 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 Campbell called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 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 present in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: March 24, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: March 25, 2026, April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026
- 2) Payroll: April 6, 2026

Other:

- 1) Excuse General Manager John Weidenfeller from Regular Commission Meeting on April 21, 2026
- 2) Reminder: WPUA Annual Conference (Suquamish, WA), April 29, 2026 – May 1, 2026
- 3) Reminder: PNWS-AWWA Section Conference (Tacoma), May 6-8, 2026
- 4) Resolution 26-20, Rental Listing Agreement with Premier Commercial NW

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 present in favor.

Public Comments:

Four members of the public were present for the meeting. None of the attendees provided public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Presentation – PUD Lobbyist, Kevin Van De Wege

The District’s lobbyist, Kevin Van De Wege, was present for the meeting and provided an update on the 2026 Legislative Session. Mr. Van De Wege engaged extensively with the two Commissioners and GM Weidenfeller during his presentation.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-19, Water Service Policy Manual Update

AGM Parker introduced Resolution 26-19, adoption of which would amend the District’s Water Service Policy to include changes regarding right-of-way improvements. Doug Piehl, District Engineer, presented on the proposed changes at length. AGM Parker described in further detail the proposed section to be added to the Water Service Policy; the two Commissioners discussed this topic with District staff at length.

1st Reading – Proclamation for Drinking Water Week (May 3-9, 2026)

GM Weidenfeller presented the proposed Drinking Water Week proclamation and provided a reminder to the Board about the employee appreciation breakfast in honor of Drinking Water Week, scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Update – Compliance Audit by the Department of Retirement Systems

AGM Parker provided an update on the results of a compliance audit by the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS).

Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 26-16, DWSRF Contract for Whiskey Hollow 670, PFAS Treatment Construction Project

AGM Parker presented Resolution 26-16, adoption of which would award the construction contract for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project at the Whiskey Hollow 670 water system, for PFAS treatment construction. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-16 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.**

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics, including closing on the purchase of the Dana Passage water system, other potential water system acquisitions, the upcoming Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) Spring Conference, and an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) between the Washington State Department of Health and the Squaxin Island Tribe. GM Weidenfeller discussed water rights and water system plan approval procedures with the Board.

AGM Parker provided an update on additional funding received from PFAS class action lawsuit settlements. The AGM also reported on an audit by the Washington Cities Insurance Authority scheduled to begin June 18, 2026.

GM Weidenfeller provided updates for both the DFO and DPC reports; DFO Gruver and DPC Gubbe were not present for the meeting. Mr. Piehl provided updates on several District projects at GM Weidenfeller’s request. Commissioner Stearns asked for an update on the project at the Prairie Ridge 605 water system.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Campbell reported on the recent Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) meeting and the topics discussed at that meeting.

Commissioner Stearns did not have a report. Commissioner Olsen was excused from the meeting.

At 6:36 p.m., Commissioner Campbell announced a break for nine minutes until 6:45 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., the regular meeting resumed.

Executive Session: At 6:46 p.m., Commissioner Campbell announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price, as authorized by the provisions of RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b), for 15 minutes until 7:01 p.m. At 7:01 p.m., the Executive Session ended, and the regular meeting resumed. No decisions were made by the Board 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 7:02 p.m.

Assignments: None

James Campbell

James Campbell (May 13, 2026 11:22:28 PDT)

James Campbell, Commissioner and Vice President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (May 29, 2026 12:06:33 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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Final Audit Report

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