

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2026**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The first regular meeting for June 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on June 9, 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)
- David Gruver, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kevin Van De Wege, District Lobbyist

**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 presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Consent Calendar:**

Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: May 27, 2026, June 3, 2026
- 2) Payroll: June 5, 2026

Other:

- 1) Reminder: Employee Fund Picnic, June 13, 2026, Woodland Creek Park in Lacey
- 2) Reminder: PUD Employee Picnic, June 26, 2026, Pioneer Park in Tumwater

**Approval of Consent Calendar:**

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

**Public Comments:**

One member of the public was present for the meeting, along with the District's Lobbyist, Kevin Van De Wege. Two members of the public were present for the meeting virtually. No members of the public provided public comment.

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

**Discussion – 2027 Budget Priorities**

GM Weidenfeller presented the priorities for the 2027 Budget; no new information was presented. Commissioners Stearns stated that he will work with the GM on memorandums of understanding (MOUs), though these should not have a fiscal impact to the District.

**Discussion – PFAS Financial Costs and Attorney Contract, Napoli Law, PFAS Litigation**

GM Weidenfeller presented information on projected costs to cover PFAS remediation and ongoing treatment. Upon a suggestion by Commissioner Olsen, GM Weidenfeller also discussed the draft contract received from Napoli Law regarding collection of PFAS litigation monies. Commissioner Stearns asked about the cost of cleanup and how this affects staff. Commissioner Olsen spoke about his desire to work with the District's lobbyist to strategize and work with lawmakers to fund the expected shortfall in treatment costs; the Board agreed to move forward with working with the lobbyist on this strategy. Mr. Van De Wege asked about any known federal directives or funding that may make monies available to the state for PFAS contaminants; Commissioners Olsen and Stearns further discussed this topic. The Board agreed to not move forward with the contract with Napoli Law.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution 26-21, Tanglewilde 600 Project 2 Mainline Replacement Construction Contract**

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 26-21, adoption of which would authorize the GM to sign the construction contract for the mainline replacement for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. Commissioner Stearns asked about any unexpected issues with replacing the mainline and coordination with Thurston County staff; Commissioner Stearns asked about right-of-way issues and outreach to customers. DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution 26-28, Acquisition of Shadow Creek Water System**

GM Weidenfeller introduced Resolution 26-28, adoption of which would grant the Board's approval to enter into a contractual purchase and sale agreement to acquire the Shadow Creek water system on or about October 1, 2026.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution 26-29, Approval of Shadow Creek WSP**

DPC Gubbe and AGM Parker introduced Resolution 26-29, adoption of which would grant the Board's approval for the Shadow Creek Water System Plan (WSP). Commissioner Stearns asked about the number of connections approved for the Shadow Creek water system; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution 26-30, Approval of Prairie Ridge WSP**

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 26-30, adoption of which would grant the Board's approval for the consolidated Prairie Ridge 605 Water System Plan (WSP). Commissioner Stearns confirmed the systems that were consolidated, asked about customer feedback due to chlorination of the newly consolidated system, asked about staff preparation for possible water quality changes, and asked for the updated connection count; Commissioner Campbell asked about generator coverage for the system. DPC Gubbe and GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioners' questions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution 26-31, DWSRF Contract for Burnsville 676, PFAS Remediation Project**

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 26-31, adoption of which authorizes the GM to sign the construction contract for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project for PFAS remediation at the Burnsville 676 water system.

**Consideration of Appointment – URAC Member Application, Michelle Harvey**

GM Weidenfeller introduced Michelle Harvey, a Dana Passage 523 water system customer, whose application was received for the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC). Commissioner Olsen mentioned Ms. Harvey's application and her experience with engagement. Ms. Harvey briefly introduced herself. Commissioner Stearns spoke about privately owned water systems and the challenges faced with the proposing increases with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). Commissioner Campbell also addressed Ms. Harvey. Initially, Commissioner Olsen made a motion to appoint Michelle Harvey to the URAC; however, the motion was amended as follows. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to appoint Michelle Harvey to the URAC: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

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

**Resolution 26-18, DWSRF Contract for East Olympia 684, PFAS Treatment Construction Project**

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-18. Only one bid was received for the project, but District staff received approval from the Washington State Department of Health to move forward with the contract. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-18 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Resolution 26-23, Policy on Acquisition of Water Systems Coming in Whole**

GM Weidenfeller presented Resolution 26-23. The GM explained additional changes made after the first reading at a prior Commission meeting. Commissioner Stearns asked about the Board's policy for smaller systems requesting generators for backup power; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-23 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Resolution 26-24, 2026 Conservation Program**

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-24, and the DPC reviewed the proposed program options. Commissioner Campbell briefly spoke about the irrigation helpline option. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-24 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Resolution 26-25, Policies and Procedures Update**

AGM Parker presented Resolution 26-25. Commissioner Olsen asked about employee review of the proposed changes. Commissioner Stearns proposed a change to Policy 100-026 Compensation Upon Separation of Employment to account for Commissioners completing their elected/appointed terms. GM Weidenfeller addressed both Commissioners. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-25 with an amendment to Policy 100-026, per Commissioner Stearn's recommendation: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller reported on several potential water system acquisitions and the work staff has performed for these systems. The GM also reported on two upcoming groundbreaking events and the URAC meeting scheduled for July 10, 2026.

AGM Parker reported that the District's financial statements for 2025 were recently filed. Commissioner Stearns asked about audits to be scheduled; AGM Parker addressed the Commissioner's question. The AGM also reported on reconnection of service for disconnected customers in accordance with HB 1329 from 2023. AGM Parker also provided an update on PFAS litigation funds received to date.

DFO Gruver provided several updates on recent work completed by the Field Operations Team.

DPC Gubbe provided several project updates. Commissioner Stearns asked for a definition of the BABA waiver approval for the PFAS remediation project at the Lazy Acres 351 water system; DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question.

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

Commissioner Campbell recently attended a Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) meeting, and he spoke about the topics discussed at that meeting. Commissioner Stearns commented on his interaction with TRPC based on transportation experience after the train derailment near DuPont a few years ago.

Commissioner Stearns did not have a report.

Commissioner Olsen met with representatives from the Thurston County Auditor's Office with GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker regarding the disproportionate assignment of the population split between the PUD Commissioner districts. Commissioner Olsen asked for support to work with District staff, Thurston County Auditor staff, and possibly TRPC staff to strategize on redrawing precinct lines to more evenly distribute the county's population amongst the three Commissioner districts. Each Commissioner spoke, and the Board agreed to support Commissioner Olsen's request. The General Manager will bring forward a resolution addressing this consensus decision and noted while the majority of the work on this project will occur in 2027, there may be some expenses in 2026.

**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 6:10 p.m.**

**Assignments:**

- 1) GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker are asked to work with Commissioner Olsen in engaging the County Auditor's office regarding redistricting PUD Commissioner district boundaries in 2027.

*Russell E. Olsen*  
Russell E. Olsen (Jun 23, 2026 20:12:23 PDT)

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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Christopher Stearns*  
Christopher Stearns (Jun 26, 2026 06:15:31 PDT)

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Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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