

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The second regular meeting for June 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on June 23, 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- David Gruver, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative (CSR) 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 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: June 9, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: June 10, 2026, June 17, 2026
- 2) Payroll: June 18, 2026

Other:

- 1) Reminder: July WPUDA Association Meetings (Okanogan), July 15-17, 2026
- 2) Reminder: WPUDA Quarterly Water Committee Meeting, July 24, 2026, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. (Olympia/Zoom)
- 3) Reminder: PUD Employee Picnic, June 26, 2026, Pioneer Park in Tumwater
- 4) Reminder: Commissioners Invited to Attend All Staff Meeting, July 25, 2026 – 8:30 a.m., Department of Retirement Systems and Deferred Compensation Presentation

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:

Commissioner Olsen announced that a formal opposition letter was received from a PUD customer regarding a proposed telecommunications tower project in Roy, WA, addressed to the North Group, Inc. One member of the public was present for the meeting via Zoom but did not provide 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 asked about the Consolidation Fund, and he spoke about building fund balances for the future; GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's question.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-33, DWSRF Contract for Cooperfield 678, PFAS Remediation Project

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 26-21, adoption of which would authorize the GM to sign the construction contract for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project for PFAS remediation at the Cooperfield 678 water system.

Discussion – Draft Proposed MOU with Thurston County

GM Weidenfeller presented the draft proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Thurston County which Commissioner Stearns and he developed. The GM highlighted each section; the Board further discussed this topic with GM Weidenfeller. The Board authorized Commissioner Stearns and the General Manager to discuss the proposed MOU with the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager or his representative. Commissioners were asked to contact the GM if they had any additions or comments on the draft MOU.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 26-21, Tanglewilde 600 Project 2 Mainline Replacement Construction Contract

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-21, adoption of which would award the construction contract for Project 2 mainline replacement at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. Commissioner Stearns inquired after the lowest responsible bidder, and Commissioner Campbell asked about other projects this vendor completed for the District in the past. DPC Gubbe and other staff members discussed this topic with the Board at length. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-21 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Resolution 26-29, Approval of Shadow Creek Water System Plan

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-29, adoption of which would approve the Water System Plan (WSP) for the Shadow Creek water system, a potential District acquisition. Commissioner Stearns asked about the age of the homes belonging to the water system and how this will affect Water Use Efficiency at the system. DPC Gubbe and GM Weidenfeller further discussed this topic with the Board. **Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-29 as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Resolution 26-30, Approval of Prairie Ridge 605 Water System Plan

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-30, adoption of which would approve the Water System Plan for the Prairie Ridge 605 water system due to the consolidation project at this system. The DPC presented a concern from one homeowner at this water system, received at a recent public forum for the WSP. Commissioner Stearns noted that a WPUDA staff member lives in a home belonging to this water system. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-30 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Resolution 26-31, DWSRF Contract for Burnsville 676, PFAS Remediation Project

DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-31, adoption of which would award the construction contract for the DWSRF project for PFAS remediation at the Burnsville 676 water system. Commissioner Olsen asked about potential bidders for future PFAS remediation projects; DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-31 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several potential water system acquisitions, a recent groundbreaking ceremony, and an upcoming orientation for the new Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) member. The Board spoke with GM Weidenfeller about these topics. GM Weidenfeller, AGM Parker, and the District's attorney will meet with the Shadow Creek water system owner next week, and the water system transfer agreement for Shadow Creek will be amended and brought forward as a first reading to the regular Commission meeting on July 7, 2026, even though it was brought forward as a first reading to the regular Commission meeting on June 9, 2026. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Stearns asked about the locations for a few of the potential water system acquisitions and discussed specifics and potential challenges for these systems; GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's questions.

AGM Parker reported that a letter will be sent to District customers with higher levels of consumption to keep them informed of potential billing amounts during the summer months. The AGM also reported on a meeting with Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) regarding the District's risk assessment and reviewing contract insurance requirements. Lastly, AGM Parker reported on temporary staffing for the Finance and Accounting Team. Commissioner Olsen spoke about an influx of potential candidates currently or formerly employed by Washington State.

DFO Gruver reported on several projects recently completed by the Field Operations Team. Commissioner Stearns asked about the chlorination plant; DFO Gruver and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question.

DPC Gubbe reported that the Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) for 2025 have been completed ahead of schedule. The DPC also provided updates on several District projects.

FD Tartt provided a written report in the agenda packet, but she did not have any highlights to report. Commissioner Stearns asked about increased consumption; FD Tartt addressed the Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Stearns congratulated District staff for replacing older water meters. The Commissioner spoke about the draft proposed MOU discussed earlier in the meeting and his work trying to contact Thurston County representatives to discuss further.

Commissioner Campbell attended the recent groundbreaking ceremony with Commissioner Stearns. Commissioner Campbell recently attended a water tour with District staff and State Representative Beth Doglio. Commissioner Stearns spoke about Representative Doglio's position on the Legislative Energy Committee.

Commissioner Olsen spoke about the upcoming URAC meeting at PUD Headquarters.

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 5:48 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) After reaching out to Thurston County and amending the MOU if necessary, schedule the MOU for approval/adoption at a future Commission meeting.

Russell E. Olsen
Russell E. Olsen (Jul 8, 2026 18:45:17 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Jul 13, 2026 11:56:04 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary

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