MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 28, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular meeting for July 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on July 28, 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)
- 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 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: July 7, 2026
Prequalification of Contractors: None
Correspondence:

1) Escalated Customer Call, July 13, 2026 – Hawk Acres 607 water system (Thurston County, 136 connections)
2) Customer Emails in Opposition to Cell Tower – Roy 325 (Pierce County, 70 connections)

Voucher Approval:

1) Accounts Payables: July 8, 2026, July 10, 2026, July 15, 2026, July 22, 2026
2) Payroll: July 20, 2026

Other: None

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:
Two members of the public were present virtually via Zoom, but these members of the public did not provide public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – 2025 Water Use Efficiency Annual Report
DPC Gubbe presented the annual report for 2025 Water Use Efficiency (WUE). The Board discussed the data presented at length with District staff.

Discussion – Strategic Plan Performance Measures and Action Steps Report – 2nd Quarter 2026 Update
FD Tartt presented the 2nd quarter 2026 updates to the Strategic Plan Performance Measures and Action Steps report. The Board discussed the data presented at length with staff.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-28, Acquisition of Shadow Creek
GM Weidenfeller provided an update on the progress of the acquisition of the Shadow Creek system and further discussing this topic with the Board.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 26-33, DWSRF Contract for Cooperfield 678, PFAS Remediation Project
DPC Gubbe presented Resolution 26-33, adoption of which would award the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) construction contract for the PFAS remediation project at the Cooperfield 678 water system. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-33 as presented: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

Presentations:
GM Weidenfeller provided several updates, including progress on potential acquisitions like Lovely Lane and Somerset Meridian, water system tours, a water law seminar the GM will be attending in September, and an upcoming meeting with Thurston County staff on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the District. The Board briefly discussed an upcoming event at the Thurston County Sheriff's office.

DFO Gruver reported on several items, including newly installed well pumps and meter replacements.

DPC Gubbe reported on several items, including the conclusion of the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place mainline replacement Project 1 completion and the submission of risk and resilience assessments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

FD Tartt presented her report and highlighted that a few budgetary line items have exceeded their budgeted amount; staff will present a budget amendment later in the year. The FD also let the Board know that the balances in the District's fund balances are above the 60-day requirement set forth in the District's financial policies.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:
Commissioner Campbell recently toured Lewis County water systems with GM Weidenfeller, DFO Gruver, and Lewis County staff members. The Commissioner also recently attended a Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), the July Association meetings for WPUDA (virtually), the WPUDA Water Committee meeting, and the recent District groundbreaking event.

Commissioner Stearns also recently attended the groundbreaking event and the July Association meetings for WPUDA in Okanogan. The Commissioner was contacted by a current candidate for public office regarding a water system that may be interested in acquisition by the District.

Commissioner Olsen attended the recent Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting; the Commissioner briefly spoke about what he observed at that meeting.

Executive Session: At 5:40 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 RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c), for 15 minutes until 5:55 p.m. At 5:55 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed. No final action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Assignments: None

Russell E. Olsen
Russell E. Olsen (Aug 11, 2026 18:46:30 PDT)
Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Aug 13, 2026 16:18:05 PDT)
Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary

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