MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular meeting for October 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on October 13, 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, Accountant 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: September 22, 2026
Prequalification of Contractors: None
Correspondence: None
Voucher Approval:

1) Accounts Payables: September 23, 2026, September 30, 2026, October 7, 2026
2) Payroll: October 5, 2026

Other:

1) Resolution 26-13, Water Service Agreement with City of Lacey and North Thurston Public Schools
2) Excuse Commissioner Olsen from the Regular Commission Meeting on October 27, 2026

Approval of Consent Calendar:
Commissioner Stearns made a motion to amend the Consent Calendar to include an excusal of Commissioner Olsen for the regular Commission meeting on October 27, 2026: Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments:
One member of the public was present via the Zoom video conferencing platform, but the individual did not provide public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

1st Reading – Resolution 26-26, Water Service Policy Manual Update
AGM Parker presented Resolution 26-26, adoption of which would update the District's Water Service Policy Manual with several changes. Commissioners Campbell and Stearns asked several questions on customer plumbing, meter manipulation and associated fees, damage liability, leak relief, and structure fires. AGM Parker addressed the Commissioners' questions.

1st Reading – Resolution 26-44, Financial Policies Update
AGM Parker presented Resolution 26-44, adoption of which would update the District's Financial Policies with several changes. AGM Parker discussed the updates with the Board at length.

Action/Approval Item(s): None

Presentations:
GM Weidenfeller provided updates on several potential acquisitions. The GM reported that the District did not receive the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) loan for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system; District staff is reevaluating funding for this project and will follow up when more information is available. GM Weidenfeller also reported on the approved Water System Plan (WSP) and additional connections for the Shadow Creek water system.

AGM Parker provided an update on the leased building at 1240 Ruddell Rd SE and the new tenant at that building. The AGM also reported on the appointment of the new Accountant.

DFO Gruver reported on forklift training for Field Operations staff, two sanitary surveys, new radio read meters at Pedersen Place 604 water system, replacement of 44 meters, routine flushings, and new plumbing and upgrades at two District systems.

DPC Gubbe provided updates on night work as part of the mainline replacement project at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. The DPC also reported on new PFAS treatment at the Whiskey Hollow 670 water system.

FD Tartt provided an update on the upcoming resumption of the District's disconnection process.

Commissioner Stearns asked about potential acquisition of water systems by the District and potential acquisition of out-of-county District systems by other utility organizations and the progress made to date. GM Weidenfeller provided updates on this topic to the Board.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:
Commissioner Campbell recently attended the WPUDA Water Workshop in Wenatchee; the Commissioner discussed the events he attended at the workshop and the topics presented there.

Commissioner Stearns also attended the Water Workshop. The Commissioner spoke about data centers, energy consumption, and holding WPUDA leadership to goals identified by PUD constituents.

Commissioner Olsen reported on the most recent Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting. The Commissioner also met with District staff on the financial management tool, attended the Centennial Accord, and reported on a personal matter. Commissioner Olsen asked the Board about redistricting PUD Districts 1 and 2 to proportionately distribute the populations served by either district; the Board agreed to Commissioner Olsen working with District staff on this task and following up in November with more information. Commissioner Stearns advocated for making districts with relatively equal urban and rural areas.

Commissioner Stearns provided an update on the Kitsap PUD's decision to add public power to the ballot in Kitsap County, the parallels to Thurston County, and how this affects the District.

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 5:43 p.m.

Assignments:

1) Research the Government to Government Training offered by the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA), and provide this information to Commissioner Campbell if he is interested in attending this training.

James Campbell (Oct 27, 2026 20:36:15 PDT)

James Campbell , Commissioner and Vice President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns (Oct 29, 2026 11:04:22 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary

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