

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION OF JANUARY 19, 2021
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first special meeting for January 2021, the Strategic Planning Session, of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on January 19, 2021, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Russell E. Olsen, Linda Oosterman and Chris Stearns were present for the teleconference meeting hosted via Zoom. The following District employees were also present for the meeting:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC) (only in attendance for the Executive Session)
- Ruth Clemens, Administrative Services Manager (ASM)
- Erica Cecil, Operations Specialist (only in attendance for the Executive Session)
- Joseph R. Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel (only in attendance for the Executive Session)
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Olsen called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda Items:

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Olsen announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), for 45 minutes until 10:48 a.m. At 10:48 a.m., it was announced that the Executive Session would be extended for two minutes until 10:50 a.m. At 10:50 a.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the Strategic Planning Session resumed. No decisions were made during the Executive Session. The District's Chief Legal Counsel was present for the Executive Session.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Olsen announced a break until 10:55 a.m. The Strategic Planning Session resumed at 10:55 a.m.

Telecommunications and Broadband

GM Weidenfeller briefly covered a presentation on general telecommunications and broadband service related to the District. Commissioner Olsen started a conversation about broader goals and/or a mission statement. ASM Clemens facilitated a discussion with the Board on this topic until 12:24 p.m.

Divestiture Out of Other Counties in the Future

GM Weidenfeller presented an outline of divesting water systems and connections from counties other than those in Thurston County. The Board and GM Weidenfeller discussed this topic until 12:32 p.m.

Review and Possible Revision of the Strategic Plan

Commissioner Oosterman asked to table this discussion topic until a later date. However, GM Weidenfeller went through the changes made to the document. The Strategic Plan will be scheduled for approval during the normal meeting process in February 2021. The Board concluded their discussion on this topic at 12:50 p.m.

Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary