

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The second special meeting for January 2021 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, commencing at 5:00 p.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)
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order:**

Commissioner Olsen called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

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

**Discussion – COVID-19 Updates**

GM Weidenfeller briefly spoke about COVID-19 vaccination updates. Commissioner Oosterman provided some information on the documentation provided by the state regarding vaccination phases.

**Discussion – Telecommunications**

There was no additional information to report for this discussion item.

**Discussion – Report on Bond Issuance Process**

AGM Parker recapped PUD staff's recent meeting with Standard & Poor's regarding the District's credit rating. The AGM also addressed upcoming dates in the bond issuance process. Commissioner Stearns asked about interest rates and a rating increase. AGM Parker addressed the Commissioner's question. The Board and staff discussed this matter in further detail.

**Presentations:**

There was no additional information to report by staff.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions and Reports:**

Commissioner Stearns recently attended a Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) meeting. He also recently attended several WPUDA meetings. The Commissioner spoke about the topics at these WPUDA meetings. Commissioner Stearns also spoke with Senator Sam Hunt regarding projects at the District.

Commissioner Oosterman recently attended several WPUDA meetings this month. She spoke about the topics discussed at these meetings; the Commissioner also discussed WPUDA's water division after the retirement of the former Water Director John Kounts. Commissioner Oosterman also spoke at length regarding the change in federal leadership this week.

Commissioner Olsen reported on a personal issue. Based on this issue, he will be analyzing his schedule to reprioritize his tasks and duties.

Although an Executive Session was listed on the agenda, Commissioner Olsen declined to hold an Executive Session. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

**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 5:32 p.m.**

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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

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Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary