

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2022**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The first regular Commission meeting for April 2022 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on April 12, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Linda Oosterman, 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. The following personnel 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)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance and Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Ruth Clemens, Administrative Services Manager (ASM)
- Eric Kolb, Field Technician
- Kurin Miller, 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 Oosterman 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: March 22, 2022

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: March 23, 2022, March 30, 2022, April 6, 2022
- 2) Payroll: April 5, 2022

Other:

- 1) Resolution 22-13, Shake Alert Seismic Retrofit, Tanglewilde-Thompson (600) Water System

**Approval of Consent Calendar:**

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

**Public Comment:**

Two members of the public were present, but there was no public comment or testimony given.

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

**Introduction of New Meter Reader**

DFO Campbell introduced Eric Kolb, the District's new Meter Reader. Mr. Kolb discussed his background, and each of the Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion with him.

**Presentation – Broadband Report**

GM Weidenfeller presented a report on the District’s recent Telecommunications/Broadband Project and made a recommendation to the Board based on the information gleaned from the study. The Board discussed this topic at length with staff.

**Discussion – COVID-19 Updates**

ASM Clemens briefly reported on several topics, including the lifting of a few proclamations by the Governor, reopening of District Headquarters, and preparing the District facilities. Commissioner Olsen and Commissioner Stearns thanked staff for their work, and they spoke about the effort that District staff has put into reopening and returning to in-person/hybrid meetings. They also discussed the future of the COVID update portion of their meetings and the possibility of discontinuing this report.

**Discussion – WPUDA April Association Meetings & WPUDA Elections**

GM Weidenfeller briefly presented the agenda for the WPUDA April Association Meetings, scheduled from April 13, 2022 to April 15, 2022. Commissioner Stearns presented information on the upcoming WPUDA officer elections scheduled during the April Association Meetings. The Board discussed voting and came to a consensus on the candidates to vote for.

**Discussion – PFAS Detections in Water System**

DPC Gubbe presented updated information for PFAS sampling and testing for a few District-owned water systems. Commissioner Oosterman asked about the reliability of the PFAS testing, and the DPC addressed the Commissioner’s question. This led to a lengthy discussion on this topic between the Board, GM Weidenfeller, and DPC Gubbe.

**Discussion – PFAS Detections in Easter Day Water System**

GM Weidenfeller presented a few options for the Easter Day water system related to PFAS detections at the system. The Board discussed this topic at length with GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe. The Board approved the GM’s recommendation for this water system.

**Discussion – Commissioner Strategic Planning Session**

The Board had previously scheduled the 2022 Strategic Planning Session on May 24, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Oosterman addressed her concerns with holding the session at this date and time. The Board agreed to hold the Strategic Planning Session during the regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

**First Reading – Resolution 22-11, Garden Acres 1 (601) and Marshall (228) Water Systems Pumphouse Contract**

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 22-11 which would award the construction contract for pumphouse replacement projects at the Garden Acres 1 (601) and Marshall (228) water systems. The bid period for these projects closes April 20, 2022.

**First Reading – Resolution 22-12, Brown S Prairie (249) Water System Pumphouse Contract**

DPC Gubbe introduced Resolution 22-11 which would award the construction contract for the pumphouse replacement project at the Brown S Prairie (249) water system. The bid period for this project closes April 25, 2022.

**Action/Approval Items:** None

**Commissioner Signatures/Break:**

Commissioner Olsen asked about document signatures going forward; AGM Parker addressed the Commissioner's question.

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller reported that letters were recently sent to the largest privately-owned water systems in Thurston County regarding possible acquisition. DFO Campbell spoke about a pump replacement at the Countrywood Estates (680) water system. Commissioner Oosterman inquired after this specific water system, and the DFO addressed the Commissioner's questions.

GM Weidenfeller also spoke about the work done by the Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC) on Department of Ecology (DOE) Policy 2030 for Municipal Water Law as well as on the DOE Trust Water Rights Policy. Commissioner Stearns asked about the new development at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place (600) water system, and he gave an update regarding the Green Cove Creek Culvert replacement project at the Country Club (679) water system. DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's question about the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place (600) water system.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions and Reports:**

Commissioner Olsen reported on two personal matters. The Commissioner also reported on the upcoming candidate filing week for his elected position.

Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Stearns asked Commissioner Oosterman about FEMA funding for requested water trees via Thurston County Emergency Management; Commissioner Oosterman discussed this topic briefly. Commissioner Stearns recently attended a Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), and he spoke about the topics discussed at this meeting.

Commissioner Oosterman had no additional topics to report.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment: Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

**Assignments:**

- 1) Update the Commissioner District maps located in the Public Meeting Room.
- 2) Move the budget-related items scheduled for the regular Commission meeting on May 24, 2022 to the first regular Commission meeting in June.
- 3) Update the Commission Calendar to show the Strategic Planning Session scheduled during the regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Advertise, if required.
- 4) Provide a copy of the one-page WWUC response document to DOE Policy 2030, the confidential document that provides further detail on this one-page document, as well as information on the WWUC's work for the comment period for the DOE Trust Water Rights Policy.

*Russell E Olsen*

[Russell E Olsen \(May 6, 2022 07:25 PDT\)](#)

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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Linda Oosterman*

[Linda Oosterman \(May 6, 2022 10:36 PDT\)](#)

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Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary









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