

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first special meeting for April 2021 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, April 20, 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 and individuals 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance & Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Ruth Clemens, Administrative Services Manager (ASM)
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board
- Claire Ward, NoaNet
- Chris Walker, NoaNet

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

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

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: None

Prequalification of Contractors: None

SMA Contracts: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval: None

Other:

- 1) Resolution 21-17, Talcott Ridge 4-Log Chlorination Upgrades

Approval of Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Presentation – Proposed Rates, Fees, Charges, and Capital Surcharges for Coppermill Customers

GM Weidenfeller presented a slideshow for the Coppermill water system that included information on the PUD leaders, the 2021 Proposed Rates, Fees & Charges, and the Asset Management Plan.

Public Hearing – Public Comments on the Proposed Rates, Fees, Charges, and Capital Surcharges for Coppermill Customers

Commissioner Olsen opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m. However, no members of the public were present at the meeting. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:13 p.m.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Presentation & Demonstration – COS Systems Telecommunications Survey

ASM Clemens introduced Claire Ward and Chris Walker from NoaNet. Staff is requesting to purchase the license for the COS System to be implemented and monitored by NoaNet, funded by the previously budgeted Broadband monies. Ms. Ward presented a slideshow about NoaNet and their Community Broadband Solutions Program. There were several questions on this topic, including tax-related survey questions, customization of service area data, identifying areas that are not served, approaches to serve these areas, and using the survey tool effectively to move forward. This topic was discussed at length. Staff will move forward with initiating the survey, and GM Weidenfeller clarified the process going forward, per the Board's prior direction.

Discussion – COVID-19 Updates

There were no additional COVID-19 updates.

Discussion – Telecommunications

There was no additional discussion regarding telecommunications.

Discussion – Seismic Valves on PUD Water Systems

GM Weidenfeller presented an update on proposed seismic valves at several water systems in the District's service area. Staff will need to prioritize seismic valve installation over the next few years. Commissioner Stearns asked about the storage capacity for the selected systems, and emphasized the need to prioritize water systems with larger capacities to serve as many customers in the case of an emergency; the GM addressed the Commissioner's question.

Presentations:

There were no staff reports or presentations.

Commissioner Topics, Discussion and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns recently attended the WPUDA April Association Meetings. He discussed the topics presented at those meetings. He will attend a WPUDA Water Committee Meeting in June, and the WPUDA July Association Meetings which may be offered in-person.

Commissioner Oosterman also attended the WPUDA April Association Meetings. She also discussed the topics presented at those meetings including Legislative updates. The Commissioner recently attended the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting, and she spoke about the new URAC member.

Commissioner Olsen will be unavailable at certain times in June, July, and August due to personal reasons. The Commissioner addressed telecommunications, an extension of the discussion earlier in the meeting. The Board discussed this topic in detail.

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 was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Russell E Olsen

Russell E Olsen (May 13, 2021 09:02 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (May 14, 2021 11:32 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Vice President









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