

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2020  
OF  
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF  
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The special meeting for October 2020 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, commencing at 5:01 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)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance & Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Joseph A. Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board
- Mariah Rodocker, Customer Service Representative

**Call to Order:**

Commissioner Olsen called the special meeting to order at 5:01 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 present in favor.**

**Public Comments:** None

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

**Discussion – Update on Water System Plan (WSP), Part A Umbrella and Water Use Efficiency Goal**

DPC Gubbe reported that her team presented the WSP, Part A Umbrella Plan and WUE Goal to the public via Zoom on October 19, 2020 – no members of the public were present for that meeting. There are minor changes to make to the Policy and Procedures Manual; staff will present this document at the next meeting for approval.

Commissioner Stearns had some questions regarding water rights in the WSP and ensuring these rights are not taken away by Ecology. Commissioner Olsen and Commissioner Stearns discussed this briefly with Mr. Rehberger.

**Discussion – Covington (212) Purchase Water Cost**

GM Weidenfeller spoke about the purchase water cost for the Covington water system. The GM recommends no action at this time.

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller presented several Certificates of Appreciation for people who recently helped the PUD. The Board agreed with the certificates.

AGM Parker discussed the meeting she and FCSM Tartt attended regarding the solar project. The AGM will be reviewing demand costs for selected locations and researching available funding for which the District may qualify.

FCSM Tartt updated the Board on letters sent to Lewis and Thurston County customers on ways the District can help with utility bills if they have been impacted by COVID-19.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions and Reports:**

Commissioner Stearns reported on his recent attendance of a WPUDA Commissioner Education meeting and his work with GM Weidenfeller on getting hydrogen fuel in Washington.


Commissioner Oosterman will attend an Emergency Management meeting on October 22, 2020.

Commissioner Olsen had nothing to report.

**At 5:23 p.m., Commissioner Olsen announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) for 12 minutes until 5:35 p.m. At 5:35 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed. No decisions were made by the Board during the Executive Session.**

**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 5:36 p.m.**

  
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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

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Chris Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary