

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2018
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The first regular meeting for April 2018 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County office located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. The meeting commenced at 5:01 p.m. Commissioners Russell E. Olsen, Chris Stearns were present and Commissioner Oosterman called in for the meeting. Also present were John Weidenfeller, the District's General Manager (GM), Julie Parker, the District's Assistant General Manager (AGM), Kim Gubbe, the District's Director of Planning and Compliance, Tracie Jones, Clerk to the Board, TaSeana Tartt, the District's Senior Accountant, and Ruth Clemens, the District's Senior Communications Specialist (SCS).

Call to Order: Commissioner Stearns called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2018

Prequalification of Contractors: Blue Mountain Mechanical, Capital Heating and Cooling, Chehalis Sheet Metal & Roofing and Sunset Air

SMA Contracts: None

Correspondence: None

Travel Approvals: None

Voucher Approval:

Accounts Payable: March 30, 2018, April 4, 2018

Payroll: April 5, 2018

Other: Res. 18-12, Water Rate for HOA Front Entrance Areas

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; all in favor.

Public Comments: None

Introduction of a New Employee: GM Weidenfeller introduced Ruth Clemens, the District's new Senior Communications Specialist. Ms. Clemens' background was discussed briefly.

Update on Building Renovations

DPC Gubbe provided a written report. GM Weidenfeller stated that the PUD will revisit access control at a later date.

Discussion of Water Testing:

DPC Gubbe provided a written report. The State Department of Health has asked the PUD to voluntarily participate in sampling for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctyl sulfonate (PFOS) compounds. DOH is interested in testing systems that are within a two-mile radius of Joint Base Lewis McChord, or are known locations where fire retardant has been used

by fire districts or fire departments. The testing on Group A water systems would be paid for by DOH. There is no source of funding assistance for Group B water systems from DOH. The GM noted that the Office of Drinking Water could not answer questions on qualified engineers and treatment criteria for water systems of the size Thurston PUD owns, only large water systems. Commissioner Olsen suggested that the PUD meet with our legal team and address testing, safety, and research.

Discussion of Date for PUD Open House

SCS Clemens provided a written report. Currently, approximately 150 elected or appointed state, county, municipal, and tribal officials are on the list to be invited. SCS Clemens will be coordinating this event and has developed a small team to assist.

Res. 18-3, Contract for HVAC Improvements at 1230 Ruddell Road

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve Resolution 18-3, Contract for HVAC Improvements; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; all in favor.

Presentations:

General Manager's Report: John Weidenfeller, General Manager

GM Weidenfeller provided a written report. In addition to the written report, GM Weidenfeller spoke about being asked to participate on a televised panel discussion on telecommunications. The Commissioners felt that more research needs to be done before the PUD participates in this and that this may be something better suited for WPUDA, since Thurston PUD is not in the telecommunications line of business.

Commissioner Topics, Discussion and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen spoke briefly about a presentation during a TRPC meeting delivered by the Washington State Department of Transportation's Director. The presentation was about his vision for the agency. The GM was asked to provide a copy of the presentation to Commissioners Stearns and Oosterman.

Commissioner Oosterman reported that she will be attending the WPUDA meeting in Anacortes next week with Commissioner Stearns. Commissioner Oosterman has been actively involved with the Emergency Management Program and its elected officials. She will provide the Board with a detailed account of the WPUDA meeting and the most recent Emergency Management meeting at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Stearns spoke about the upcoming WPUDA Board elections for the position of Secretary. Commissioner Stearns and GM Weidenfeller met with the City of McCleary Mayor, Public Works Director and the City's Consulting Engineer on March 30. They discussed transferring PUD-owned water systems located just outside of McCleary to the City of McCleary. Originally, the response deadline on the acquisition was set April 30, 2018, however, the City requested an additional 30 days to decide. A new response deadline of May 31, 2018, was requested and accepted by the Commissioners.

Executive Session: At 6:25 p.m., Commissioner Stearns announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session, as authorized by RCW 420.30.110 (1) (c), to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price until 6:45 pm. At 6:45 p.m., the regular meeting was resumed.

Summary of Assignments:

- Follow up on water testing.
- Extend the City of McCleary's review timeline to 60 days, or until May 31, 2018.
- Add Tanglewilde Parks & Recreation, Lacey Chamber of Commerce, the Olympian, Nisqually Valley News, and Governor Inslee to the invitation list for the Open House.
- Send a copy of the DOT Director's Presentation to Commissioners Stearns and Oosterman.
- Follow up with WPUDA concerning an invitation to participate in an April 26th TV program on telecommunications. The Board requested WPUDA participate if they are willing.
- Follow up with HOAs on front entrance watering.
- Review and move forward on 5/31/18 Open House invitations.
- Order the Vactor.

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Chris Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:



Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary