

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2018
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The second meeting for December 2018 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at the PUD administrative office located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, WA 98503, commencing at 5:00 p.m. This is a special meeting scheduled in place of the December 25th meeting which was canceled in observance of Christmas. Commissioners Chris Stearns and Russell E. Olsen were present for the meeting. Commissioner Linda Oosterman was present telephonically for the meeting. Also present were John Weidenfeller, the District's General Manager (GM), Julie Parker, the District's Assistant General Manager (AGM), Jim Campbell, the District's Director of Field Operations (DFO), TaSeana Tartt, the District's Senior Accountant (SA), and Ruth Clemens, the District's Senior Communications Specialist (SCS).

Call to Order: Commissioner Stearns called the regular meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: None

Prequalification of Contractors: None

SMA Contracts: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

Accounts Payables: December 14, 2018

Payroll: None

Other:

Res. 18-41, 2nd Amended 2018 Operating Budget

Res. 18-42, Commissioner Call-in Policy

Res. 18-43, Commissioner Medical and Dental Benefits

Res. 18-44, Staff Leave Donations to a Leave Bank

Res. 18-45, Cedar Ridge Ion Exchange Treatment System Contract with JWMA

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

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues: None

Action/Approval Items: None

Commissioner Signatures/Break: The Commissioners took a break at 5:11 p.m. and signed documents. The Commission meeting resumed at 5:22 p.m.

Presentations: None

General Manager, Director of Field Operations, and Director of Planning & Compliance Reports:

GM John Weidenfeller provided the Board with a written report. He also provided the Board with the DFO and DPC reports.

GM Weidenfeller informed the Board that Patricia Coffey, a customer from the Elk Heights water system, has submitted another request to drill an exempt well on her property. GM Weidenfeller stated she has made this request three or four times previously. GM Weidenfeller has stated that unless the Board is of a different opinion, he will work with SCS Clemens and the District's attorney to draft up a letter denying her request. The Board did not object.

Commissioner Stearns inquired about the booster pump replacements that recently occurred at the Elk Heights water system and asked if there were any more service concerns. GM Weidenfeller explained there have not been any service concerns with Elk Heights and commended the field operations staff for their speedy response and repair of the issues.

Commissioner Olsen checked-in with DFO Campbell about the recent string of power outages throughout Thurston and Lewis counties. DFO Campbell stated that he has been responding to customers individually and that he will continue to work with the field operations team to prioritize the work if simultaneous outages occur. Commissioner Olsen requested that the District revive its working partnership with Puget Sound Energy to ensure its water systems are prioritized during major outages.

Assistant General Manager Report: None

Commissioner Topics, Discussion and Reports:

Commissioner Olsen will attend the TRPC meeting in the first week of January.

Commissioner Oosterman commented on attending the Re-Wire conference and reported her desire to attend the next WPUDA meeting in January. She reported on the upcoming projected state budget that will result in limited funds for drinking water, even though Governor Inslee's budget is very high. She believes that most funding will go toward for culverts. She is highly interested in attending WPUDA's Power Lunch to view a presentation by Washington State Treasurer Duane Davidson who will talk about the proposed budget and his predictions for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Stearns reported that he contacted two Senators and two House members about the WSARP and DWSRF funds and asked that they vote to support the full amount of \$10 million toward the drinking water funds. Commissioner Stearns attended the Re-Wire Policy Conference where he watched several presentations including the #MeToo movement in Washington state and the work done to educate people. There was an emphasis on infrastructure spending.

Assignments:

1. Draft letter to Elk Heights water system customer Patricia Coffey to deny request for drilling exempt well on her property.
2. Register Commissioners Oosterman and Stearns, possibly Commissioner Olsen, for the January WPUDA Association Meeting.

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Chris Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:



Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and Vice President