

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 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 6, 2020, 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 were also present for the meeting:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance & Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Olsen called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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:

1st Reading – Resolution 20-32, Purchase and Sale Agreement - Pattison Water System

GM Weidenfeller introduced Resolution 20-32. This resolution will be scheduled for approval at the October 13, 2020 Commission Meeting.

1st Reading – Resolution 20-33, Tanglewilde Valve Replacement

AGM Parker introduced Resolution 20-33. Commissioner Oosterman pointed out a repeated paragraph within the resolution. Commissioner Stearns asked about fire hydrants in the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place water system, a separate project from the Tanglewilde valve replacement project.

Discussion – Lewis County MOU

GM Weidenfeller spoke about the expired Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lewis County. Upon further review, GM Weidenfeller would like to draft another version of the MOU. Commissioner Oosterman commented on several topics within the MOU, and she suggested to model the MOU with Lewis County like the one with Thurston County. Commissioner Olsen and Commissioner Stearns also commented on this topic. Commissioner Olsen tasked staff to revisit the MOU during the first part of 2021. Commissioner Stearns spoke about the State Legislature and some possible issues related to this topic.

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on the upcoming Public Meetings scheduled with Pattison Water Company customer. AGM Parker gave an update on the comments and questions received from Pattison Water

Company customers regarding the acquisition. GM Weidenfeller also reported on other upcoming meetings like the Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County and Water Purveyor Technical Group.

GM Weidenfeller updated the Board on CARES Act funding; Lewis and Thurston counties are working with the District to obtain funding. Commissioner Olsen and the GM will meet with the Washington State Association of Counties to further explore obtaining CARES Act funding. FCSM Tartt spoke about the process. Commissioner Oosterman asked about this topic, and the FCSM addressed her question.

Commissioner Stearns asked about a developer issue related to the Kapowsin Water District and Pierce County. AGM Parker reported on expected budget amendments in October and November.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns reported on meetings he recently attended, including a Chehalis Basin Partnership meeting, a Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) meeting, the WPUDA Water Workshop, and a meeting of peninsula-area PUDs regarding the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The Commissioner also reported on a discussion he had with Discussion with Tye Menser, a Thurston County Commissioner, regarding groundwater in south Thurston County.

Commissioner Oosterman reported on technological issues she has recently experienced. She also reported on the WPUDA Water Workshop, municipal law, the possibility of a state bank, and tax revenue from recreational marijuana. Commissioner Oosterman and Commissioner Stearns discussed these topics at length.


Commissioner Olsen reported on his work with GM Weidenfeller on obtaining CARES Act funding for the District. The Commissioner nominated FCSM Tartt's daughter for the WPUDA Educational Scholarship. AGM Parker and FCSM Tartt discussed the nomination and FCSM's daughter. Commissioners Oosterman and Stearns commented on this topic.

An Executive Session was listed on the agenda. However, Commissioner Olsen declined to hold the Executive Session, and the Board voted to adjourn.

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 5:43 p.m.



Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:


Chris Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary