OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF

THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first special meeting for March 2021 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, March 16, 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)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- Ruth Clemens, Administrative Services Manager (ASM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance & Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board
- Tom Skillings, Skillings
- Nick Sweitzer, Skillings
- Mary Hall, Thurston County Auditor

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 Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Presentation by Skillings Engineering – Tanglewilde-Thompson Place Water System Plan

Tom Skillings introduced his firm, Skillings, and Nick Sweitzer, the employee working with the District on the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place Water System Plan (WSP) update. Both Mr. Skillings and Mr. Sweitzer spoke about the project, the draft WSP, and the timeline to submit this to the Board for approval. Commissioner Stearns asked about the pipeline casing that extends under the Interstate 5 Highway; DPC Gubbe and DFO Campbell addressed the Commissioner's question.

Discussion with Thurston County Auditor, Mary Hall - Redistricting

Auditor Mary Hall spoke about redistricting in Thurston County, an outline of the timeline, and how this will affect the District's Board of Commissioners. GM Weidenfeller and the Board spoke about this topic at length with the Auditor.

Discussion – Generator Program

GM Weidenfeller and ASM Clemens presented proposed changes to the Board's Generator Program. This topic was discussed at length with the Board. GM Weidenfeller will move forward with the changes as presented.

Discussion – COVID-19 Updates

ASM Clemens briefly updated the Board on vaccinations for essential workers and school teachers.

Discussion – Telecommunications

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ASM Clemens updated the Board on the meeting she recently attended at Kitsap PUD with NoaNet. Commissioner Stearns spoke about Kitsap PUD broadband connections and broadband services offered by private utility companies. Commissioner Olsen spoke about the projected revenue surplus for the State of Washington and federal monies available for capital projects.

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on his contact with a small water system in Thurston County; staff will bring a resolution forward at the next regular meeting regarding acquisition of this water system.

Commissioner Topics, Discussion and Reports:

Commissioner Oosterman had no additional information to report.

Commissioner Stearns reported on the meetings he's recently attended and the topics discussed at those meetings.

Commissioner Olsen shared his opinion about the State's revenue forecast. He had no additional information to report.

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 6:28 p.m.

Russell E. Olsen (Apr 19, 2021 07:25 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Linda Oosterman
Linda Oosterman (Apr 20, 2021 12:55 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and Secretary

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