

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2024
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first regular Commission meeting for June 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on June 11, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Linda Oosterman, Russell E. Olsen, and Chris Stearns were present for the hybrid meeting hosted via Zoom video conferencing and in-person at District Headquarters, located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Olsen called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2024

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: May 29, 2024, June 5, 2024
- 2) Payroll: June 5, 2024

Other:

- 1) Reminder: WPUDA Quarterly Water Committee Meeting, June 27, 2024 (Olympia/Virtual)
- 2) Resolution 24-22, Burnsville 676 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 3) Resolution 24-23, Cooperfield 678 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 4) Resolution 24-24, East Olympia 684 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 5) Resolution 24-25, Whiskey Hollow 670 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 6) Resolution 24-26, Interfund Transfer Authorization, Investment Consolidation Fund

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comment: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion – Memorandum of Understanding with Thurston and Lewis Counties

GM Weidenfeller proposed to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both Thurston and Lewis counties. Commissioner Olsen and Commissioner Stearns asked for clarification on this topic, and the GM elaborated on his proposal and the MOU process.

Discussion – Draft Agenda for the Special Commission Meeting (Commissioner Workshop), June 18, 2024

Commissioner Olsen will be out of town for the proposed special Commission meeting, and Commissioner Oosterman requested that the meeting be rescheduled for another date.

Discussion – Congresswoman Strickland October Ceremony at Green Cove Creek Culvert Site

AGM Parker relayed interest from Congresswoman Strickland's office to meet with District staff at the Green Cove Creek culvert replacement site for a photo opportunity; the AGM proposed October to meet and will coordinate an acceptable date.

Discussion – DWSRF Funding for Tanglewilde Treatment Project

DPC Gubbe provided an update on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan funding in terms of the strict rules and guidelines required by the state; the DPC also addressed possible solutions or changes to the current guidelines and how this will affect the PFAS project at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system. Commissioner Olsen asked about the likelihood of other organizations meeting requirements and the drive behind the guidelines. DPC Gubbe and GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioner's questions.

Action/Approval Items:

Resolution 24-16, Water Policy Manual Update

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-16 as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Signatures/Break: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics, including the District's financial dashboard, letters to customers regarding PFAS, an upcoming First Amendment audit presentation, and fulfillment of a Finance Director position at the District.

AGM Parker reported that the moratorium on service disconnections has started for the summer months. Commissioner Olsen provided information on RCW 65.38.057 which prohibits fines against homeowners for reducing or eliminating watering of lawns during a declared drought. Commissioner Stearns asked about the end of the comment period for the Water Resources Program revision with the Washington State Department of Ecology; the Commissioner also asked about additional connections for the Timberline Village 628 water system. GM Weidenfeller and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioner's questions.

DFO Campbell reported on recent work for the Field Operations Team. Commissioner Olsen asked about a contractor that recently drilled through the District's water line. Commissioner Stearns asked about

the Casebolt well pump test at the Pattison 500 water system. DFO Campbell and DPC Gubbe addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns reported on the topics covered at the meetings he has recently attended, including the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) and the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meetings.

Commissioner Oosterman did not have a report.

Commissioner Olsen will be unavailable for a few upcoming Commission meetings; this information will be provided to GM Weidenfeller. Earlier in the meeting, the Commissioner asked about Yelp reviews for the District and asked staff to investigate what can be done.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Assignments:

- 1) Cancel advertisement for the proposed special Commission meeting on June 18, 2024.
- 2) Find a date to meet with Congresswoman Strickland and her staff at the Green Cove Creek culvert replacement site in October. Note: Commissioner Olsen will be unavailable from October 14th to October 18th.
- 3) Research the District's Yelp and Google reviews – what can staff do to have them removed?
- 4) Include information in an upcoming newsletter regarding RCW 65.38.057, the statute that was recently amended to prohibit homeowners associations from fining homeowners for eliminating or reducing water of lawns during a declared drought.

Linda Oosterman

[Linda Oosterman \(Jun 26, 2024 19:36 PDT\)](#)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

[Christopher Stearns \(Jun 28, 2024 14:02 PDT\)](#)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary









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