

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2024
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular meeting for August 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on August 27, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:15 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative (CSR) and Associate Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

Commissioner Oosterman called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2024

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: August 14, 2024, August 21, 2024
- 2) Payroll: August 20, 2024

Other:

- 1) Resolution 24-29, DWSRF Construction Contract, Pattison 500 Reservoir and Booster Station Project
- 2) Resolution 24-30, CCE 521 DWSRF Surcharge Amendment
- 3) Reminder: WPUA Association Meetings, September 18-20 (Hybrid/Wenatchee)
- 4) Reminder: WPUA Water Workshop, September 25-27, 2024 (Spokane)
- 5) 1st Reading – Resolution 24-32, Burnsville 676 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 6) 1st Reading – Resolution 24-33, Cooperfield 678 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 7) 1st Reading – Resolution 24-34, East Olympia 684 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 8) 1st Reading – Resolution 24-35, Whiskey Hollow 670 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comment: None

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Presentation of the Preliminary 2025 Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges, and Ad Valorem Assessment

FD Tartt went through a presentation on preliminary information for the 2025 Proposed Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, and Surcharges as well as the 2025 Proposed Ad Valorem Assessment. Commissioner Olsen asked for clarification on the amount of money going to debt service and the debt service timeline. The Commissioner also requested changes to be made to the narrative to be presented to the public on the Capital Surcharge funding percentage and the rate impact statement. Commissioner Stearns asked about debt service and made a correction to the Capital Surcharge amount listed in the packet.

1st Reading – Resolution 24-36, Preliminary 2025 Operating Budget, Resolution 24-37, Preliminary 2025 Capital Budget, Resolution 24-38, Preliminary 2025 Rates, Fees, Charges, and Surcharges, and Resolution 24-39, Preliminary 2025 Ad Valorem Assessment

The Board discussed Resolutions 24-36, 24-37, 24-38, and 24-39 during the section listed above.

Action/Approval Items: None

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics including a potential water system acquisition in Thurston County, an update on additional connections for the Timberline Village 628 water system, an updated date to meet with Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, a meeting with the Thurston County Manager, upcoming tour dates with representatives from Lewis County, an upcoming PFAS pilot test at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system, and a tour given by DFO Campbell to one of the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) members. GM Weidenfeller also reported that the permit for the Pattison 500 water system was approved, so DPC Gubbe will begin coordinating the work for that project.

Commissioner Olsen asked about follow-up from the items discussed in the previous meeting's Executive Session. GM Weidenfeller reported that District staff met with the contractor and will prepare a recommendation to discuss later. Commissioner Oosterman and GM Weidenfeller discussed the potential to receive additional funding for PFAS remediation. The Board spoke with the GM further about contaminants and funding.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports: None

Executive Session: None

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

Assignments:

1. Provide Commissioner Olsen with the information he requested on the timeline of debt service.
2. Amend the budget presentation to include the changes that Commissioner Olsen requested: adding the percentage of funding to the section on the Capital Surcharge and amending the rate

impact statement to illustrate that the same rate changes impact those at the lower end of the range versus the higher end.

Linda Oosterman

[Linda Oosterman \(Sep 12, 2024 12:58 PDT\)](#)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

[Christopher Stearns \(Sep 13, 2024 01:22 PDT\)](#)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary











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