

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The first regular meeting for September 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on September 10, 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)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Mariah Montague, Customer Service Supervisor
- Aimee Morgan, Payroll Specialist
- Cathy Wise, Customer Service Representative
- Sandy Furth, Administrative Assistant
- Joseph A. Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Consent Calendar:**

Approval of Minutes: August 27, 2024

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: August 28, 2024, September 4, 2024
- 2) Payroll: September 5, 2024

Other:

- 1) Reminder: WPUDA Association Meetings, September 18-20 (Hybrid/Wenatchee)
- 2) Reminder: WPUDA Water Workshop, September 25-27, 2024 (Spokane)
- 3) Resolution 24-32, Burnsville 676 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 4) Resolution 24-33, Cooperfield 678 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 5) Resolution 24-34, East Olympia 684 PFAS Treatment Engineering Contract
- 6) 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

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

GM Weidenfeller introduced the presentation on the Proposed 2025 Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, and Ad Valorem Assessment. FD Tartt spoke at length per the presentation. Commissioner Olsen clarified that the increase proposed by District staff is less than the increase to the Consumer Price Index for the local region and that the District is in a strong cash position. Commissioner Stearns provided information on General Fund allocations regarding elections in Thurston County.

**Commissioner Oosterman opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m.** One member of the public was present, a customer on the Coppermill 520 water system. This customer provided testimony regarding the billing for that community's homeowners association, and he asked for consideration to reduce the bill amounts. The customer had positive feedback for the District on water service. Commissioner Stearns asked the customer about installation of new lawns at the community, and a short discussion ensued. Commissioner Olsen read four written comments received from District customers for the record. **Commissioner Oosterman closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.**

**Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:**

**Discussion – Additional Funding Request for Pattison DWSRF Project**

GM Weidenfeller reported that the District was able to get \$500,000 more in funding for the Pattison DWSRF project, in large part of DPC Gubbe's efforts.

**Discussion – Invites and Attendance to Congresswoman Strickland's Visit**

AGM Parker spoke about details on this topic. After discussion, it was determined that Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. was the most convenient time for the Congresswoman's visit.

**Action/Approval Items:** None

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller reported on several topics, including new water system acquisition, transfer of the Kitsap County water systems on November 1, 2024, PFAS, Washington State Department of Ecology Policy 2030, an upcoming Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) meeting, and a meeting the GM had with the City Manager for the City of Lacey.

AGM Parker, DFO Campbell, and DPC Gubbe reported briefly on their work for the District. The DPC Gubbe spoke with the Board about lead service line inventories required for Group A water systems. Commissioner Stearns asked about if the Pe Ell fire affected any District systems; DFO Campbell addressed the Commissioner's question.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:**

Commissioner Olsen reported on a customer issue he was made aware of recently. Though the issue was resolved by District staff, the customer requested response from a Commissioner. Commissioner Olsen spoke with the customer via phone, and he provided the negative feedback he received to the other Board members.

**Executive Session:** At 5:40 p.m., Commissioner Oosterman announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i), to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b), to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price, for 15 minutes until 5:55 p.m. At 5:55 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed. The District's attorney was present for the Executive Session, but no decisions were made during that time.

AGM Parker addressed the Board regarding the special Commission meeting scheduled on October 1, 2024. The Board discussed this topic with GM Weidenfeller and AGM Parker at length.

**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 6:02 p.m.

**Assignments:** None

*Linda Oosterman*

Linda Oosterman (Oct 9, 2024 14:29 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Christopher Stearns*

Christopher Stearns (Oct 23, 2024 11:22 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary












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