

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015  
OF  
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF  
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The second regular meeting for November 2015 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 was called to order on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 921 Lakeridge Way SW, Suite 301, Olympia WA 98502, commencing at 2:07 p.m. Commissioners Russell Olsen, Linda Oosterman and Chris Stearns were present for the meeting. Also present were John Weidenfeller, the District's General Manager (GM), Julie Parker, the District's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Kim Gubbe, the District's Operations Manager (OM), and Kurin Rosado, Clerk to the Board. Joe Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel, was excused for the meeting.

**Call to Order: Commissioner Olsen called the regular meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.**

**Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Stearns seconded, all in favor.**

**Consent Calendar:**

Approval of Minutes: None

Prequalification of Contractors – Small Works Roster: None

SMA Contracts: None

Correspondence: None

Travel Approvals: None

Voucher Approval:

Accounts Payable: November 10, 2015, November 18, 2015

Payroll: November 20, 2015

Resolution: None

Other: None

**Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended - minutes for the November 10, 2015 meeting were not approved; Commissioner Stearns seconded, all those present in favor.**

**Public Comments:** None

**Discussion Items:**

**Resolution 15-44, Authorization to Surplus**

Approval of this resolution would authorize staff to surplus and dispose of PUD equipment and materials. CFO Parker would like to add a cash drawer to the existing list. The resolution will be added to the next meeting's agenda as an action item.

**Action Items:** None

**Legal Report:** None

**Presentations:**

**Staff Presentations:**

**General Manager's Report:** John Weidenfeller, General Manager

GM Weidenfeller provided a written report. Construction for the Lew's 81st, Jenni, and Woods water system consolidation project is expected to be completed at the end of December. GM Weidenfeller has been updating the Commissioners on a few issues relating to the construction. In addition, the County has determined that pocket gophers are not an issue and bid requests for the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place water system generator will be issued shortly; once the bid requests are sent, a new timeline will be projected.

**Operations Manager's Report:** Kim Gubbe, Operations Manager

OM Gubbe provided a written report. OM Gubbe reported that there were several reports of a leak on Merkel Street in the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place water system, but this was actually a homeowner pumping from beneath their house. Crew members discussed this issue with some homeowners on the street; OM Gubbe doesn't believe there was any damage caused.

**Chief Financial Officer's Report:** Julie Parker, Chief Financial Officer

CFO Parker provided a written report. She reported that expenses are within the budgeted limits.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussion and Reports:**

Commissioner Oosterman enjoyed the WPUA Association meetings earlier this month. She had a conversation with John Kounts, WPUA Water Program Director, during which he offered praise for Thurston PUD's practices.

Commissioner Stearns reported that there is a proposed telecommunications retail bill to grant retail authority to PUDs in Washington State. There was also a report from the Hanford site. He attended a meeting with Senator Karen Fraser regarding another proposed bill.

Commissioner Olsen is busy with pre-Legislative matters. His Mixx 96.1 interview aired last Sunday, November 22. The Commissioner has recently become aware of certain neighborhood chat groups that have positive feedback for the District's Telecommunications Project.

**Summary of Assignments:**

1. Add Resolution 15-44 to the December 8 meeting agenda as an action item.
2. Bring forward the minutes for the November 10, 2014 PUD Commission meeting for the Board's review and approval.

**Adjournment: Commissioner Oosterman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Stearns seconded; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.**

  
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Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

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Chris Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary