

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
May 14, 2014

Board President Leslie Mc Roberts called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Deborah Lambert, Ian Millar, Laura Weide and Todd Citron, General Manager Patrick Sorensen, District Engineer Bill Hunter, Consulting Engineer Melanie Mankamyer, Finance Manager Debi Hill and Recording Secretary Lyn Edwards. A list of interested participants is on file.

- Public Comment

Sudden Valley resident Kingsley Morse spoke to the Board about "opt out" plans offered by some utilities for their customers who do not want a smart meter.

- Consent Agenda

- Action Taken

- **Weide moved, Lambert seconded, approval of:**

- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$326,667.84**

- **Minutes for the April 30, 2014 meeting**

- **Motion passed.**

- Rate Study Discussion

At the April 30, 2014 meeting, FCS Group gave a presentation on the District's Rate Study. The Board agreed to follow-up on a few important policy issues that need to be addressed in order for the rate study to be completed. The Board discussed the policy issues in depth and decided that the District will propose for additional consideration a low-income senior/disabled rate at a 40% discount and that the base water allocation will remain at 600 cubic feet. FCSG will be instructed to incorporate these provisions into the study. The Board also requested that FCSG include for consideration calculations reflecting a higher base rate for usage exceeding 2,500 cubic feet.

- Monthly Budget Analysis

The Monthly Budget Analysis was briefly discussed.

- Summary of Existing District Projects

Hunter briefly reported on the status of the District's on-going projects.

- Adoption of 2014 Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update – Resolution 805

The District's Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update has been reviewed and comments have been received from Whatcom County Health, Whatcom County Engineering and Department of Ecology. District legal counsel has reviewed and approved of the changes suggested by the reviewing agencies. Mankamyer presented replacement pages with the changes incorporated. Discussion followed.

- Action Taken

- **Lambert moved, Weide seconded, to adopt Resolution 805 updating the District's Sewer Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion passed.**


- Other Business

Commissioner Millar spoke about water rights issues in Whatcom County.

- Manager's Report

The Manager's Report was briefly discussed.

With no further business, Mc Roberts adjourned the Regular Session at 8:31 p.m.



Recording Secretary, Lyn Edwards

5-28-2014

Date Minutes Approved




Leslie Mc Roberts

Deborah Lambert



Todd Citron



John W. Millar

Laura Weide