# Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners April 11, 2016

Board President Laura Weide called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Todd Citron, Ian Millar, Curtis Casey and Bruce R. Ford, General Manager Patrick Sorensen, District Engineer Bill Hunter, legal counsel Robert Carmichael, Finance Manager Debi Denton and Recording Secretary Lyn Edwards. A list of interested participants is on file.

### Consent Agenda

#### **Action Taken**

Casey moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$106,840.24
- Minutes for the March 30, 2016 Meeting Motion passed.

# Bond Consultant Presentation – Jim Nelson

Jim Nelson, Senior Vice President and Public Finance Banker from D.A. Davidson gave a presentation regarding an Advanced Refunding issue of the District's 2009 bonds. Nelson reviewed the current bond market rates and explained how they present an opportunity for the District to save a considerable amount of money on interest rates. An extensive discussion followed the presentation.

# **Action Taken**

Citron moved, Casey seconded, to authorize staff to move forward with the refunding bond issue of the District's 2009 bonds and to finance the District's Post Point Improvement payoff in addition to the refinance of the bonds. Motion passed.

# Geneva Woods Developer Extension Application

Hunter reported that the District has received an application for a Developer Extension Agreement to extend water and sewer utilities to five lots in Geneva. The lots are located south of Freemont Street on the unimproved section of Lakewood Lane. The property is zoned Urban Residential. Discussion followed.

#### **Action Taken**

Casey moved, Millar seconded, to approve the Developer Extension Agreement application for five new water and sewer connections on Lakewood Lane provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1. That the public water and sewer facilities are designed and installed in accordance with the District's Design and Construction Standards, Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plans, and the development meets local, state, and federal regulations.
- A hydraulic model analysis is performed as part of the design and review process to verify that fire flow requirements are being met.
   Motion passed.

• Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Interlocal Agreement for 2016

Sorensen explained that over the last several years, the District has made an annual contribution towards the Lake Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program through an Interlocal agreement with the City of Bellingham. This year the District is being asked to contribute \$50,000.00. The purpose of the program is to inspect boats for the presence of aquatic invasive species before they are allowed into the Lake. The Board discussed the 2016 Agreement. During the discussion, the Commissioners noted that the issue of restricting boat use on the Lake should be raised at the next Lake Whatcom Management Joint Councils/Commissioners Meeting.

## <u>Action Taken</u>

Ford moved, Casey seconded, to approve the 2016 Lake Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed.

### Monthly Budget Analysis

Denton gave an overview of the Monthly Budget Analysis for March. She also provided additional charts showing a more detailed cost breakdown of the District's Operations and Maintenance expenses. Discussion followed.

Summary of Existing District Projects

Hunter gave a status report on the Division 22 Reservoir project and the Whatcom Falls Manhole Replacement project. He also asked for one or two Board members to participate on the committee to review the General Engineering RFQs sometime in early May.

Manager's Report

Sorensen reminded the Board that the next Lake Whatcom Policy Group meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

With no further business, Weide adjourned the Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Lyn Edwards

Date Minutes Approved

Eaura Weide

**Todd Citron** 

John W. Millar

Bruce R. Ford

Curtis J. Case