

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
November 29, 2017

Board President Laura Weide called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 a.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Todd Citron, John Carter and Bruce Ford; General Manager Patrick Sorensen; District Engineer Bill Hunter; Finance Manager Debi Denton; consulting engineer Melanie Mankamyer; and Recording Secretary Rachael Hope. Commissioner Curtis Casey had an excused absence. A list of interested participants is on file.

- Public Comment

Water District resident Kris Halterman requested an update on whether the board had done anything with the letter discussed in the last meeting.

Sudden Valley resident E.J. Ledet stated his concerns about the lack of oxygen in the lake and the current plans to mitigate the issue.

A Geneva resident had questions about who the stakeholders are in the discussion around the County creating a Stormwater Utility District, and what the District's stake is in that.

North Shore resident Gwen Hunter stated concerns about whether the District would be forcing sewer connections along the north shore of Lake Whatcom to replace septic systems that are currently in place.

- Consent Agenda

- Action Taken

- Carter moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- Minutes for the November 8, 2017 Board Meeting
    - Minutes for the November 15, 2017 Board Meeting
    - Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$131,012.11.
    - Payroll for Pay Period #24 (11/04/2017 through 11/17/2017) totaling \$41,848.06.
    - Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #24 totaling \$44,826.66.

- Motion passed.

- Draft Water Comprehensive Plan

Sorensen informed the Board that public notice was issued for this meeting to serve as the required Public Meeting for the update to the Water Comprehensive plan. No one attended the scheduled Public Hearing and no public comment was received. Comments may also be submitted to the District through December 13, 2017.

Melanie Mankamyer of Wilson Engineering presented the Board with the first draft of the District's updated 10-year Water Comprehensive Plan, requesting feedback on content and policy. Hunter introduced the first draft of the Unscheduled Capital Projects List. The Board hopes to accept the final draft of the Water Comprehensive Plan at the December 13, 2017 regular board meeting. Some discussion followed.

- Disposal of Surplus Items

Hunter explained that the District must periodically dispose of unsafe, dated, and surplus items. He went over some of the larger items on the current surplus list, and explained that items will be disposed of through auction, recycling, donation, or disposal in accordance with state law.

**Action Taken**

**Carter moved, Citron seconded, to declare the presented list of items dated November 21, 2017 as surplus and authorize the General Manager to dispose of the property in a manner consistent with state law. Motion passed.**

- **Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget**

Denton recapitulated that at the November 8, 2017 meeting, the Board was presented a draft copy of the proposed 2018 budget for discussion purposes. She introduced the final form of the proposed budget including operating and capital budget documentation, as well as November 8 comments and other minor adjustments.

**Action Taken**

**Carter moved, Ford seconded, to adopt the 2018 budget as presented. Motion passed.**

- **Summary of Existing District Projects**

Hunter highlighted the Country Club Sewer Pump Station project, and reported to the Board that he had a positive meeting with the Sudden Valley Community Association to discuss the project, and we are about a week from submitting permitting.

- **Other Business**

**Accident Report**

Sorensen briefly spoke to the board about the car accident that happened November 22 involving a District vehicle. Neither party suffered major injuries, nor was citation was issued.

**December 27, 2017 Meeting**

The Board discussed whether they would like to reschedule the Regular Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2017. They decided to keep the meeting date and time as is.

- **Manager's Report**

Sorensen summarized upcoming dates to remember.

- **Public Comment**

Water District Resident Kris Halterman suggested that the Board allow E.J. Ledet to give a presentation regarding the research he has done about the lake.

Commissioner Ford made a statement that he believes things have gone too far in the direction of people believing that the District has something to do with managing the lake. Though some Board members have feelings about it, the Board has not stated a policy regarding the methods planned to clean Lake Whatcom up, or the creation of a Stormwater Utility District.

Commissioner Citron reminded those present that the Board had supported the formation of a Stormwater District two years ago in a prior configuration of Commissioners. In regards to the request for Ledet to make a presentation, he reminded those in attendance that the TMDL has been a 10 year process, so any presentation or comment made at this point is somewhat of an "11<sup>th</sup> hour pitch."

Commissioner Ford was excused from the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

- **Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.140(4) General Manager Performance Evaluation – 20 Minutes**

Weide recessed the Regular Session to Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. It was estimated that the Executive Session would take about 30 minutes. The purpose of the Executive Session was to

discuss the General Manager's Performance Evaluation. Weide recessed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Session at 9:50 p.m.

With no further business, Weide adjourned the Regular Session at 9:50 a.m.

  
Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

12/13/2017  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Laura Weide

  
Todd Citron

  
Bruce R. Ford

excused  
Curtis J. Casey                      John Carter





