Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners February 27, 2013

Board President Leslie Mc Roberts called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 a.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Todd Citron, John W. Millar, Deborah Lambert and Laura Weide, General Manager Patrick Sorensen, District Engineer Bill Hunter and Recording Secretary Lyn Edwards. Commissioner Weide attended the meeting via speaker phone. Clare Fogelsong from the City of Bellingham was also present; no other members of the public attended the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Citron moved, Lambert seconded, approval of:

- General and Construction Fund Vouchers totaling \$1,363,174.71
- Payroll for Pay Period #4 (2/2/2013 through 2/15/2013) totaling \$38,928.30
- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #4 totaling \$36,012.68
 Motion passed.
- <u>Lake Whatcom Invasive Species Update Clare Fogelsong from the City of Bellingham</u>
 Clare Fogelsong from the City of Bellingham provided an update on the 2013 Lake Whatcom
 Aquatic Invasive Species Program. Both the District and the City use Lake Whatcom as their
 primary source of drinking water and therefore have a mutual interest in protecting the Lake.
 The City is planning to implement a mandatory water craft inspection program utilizing trained
 inspectors who will be stationed at public boat launches around the Lake.
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellingham 2013 Aquatic Invasive Species Program Sorensen reminded the Board that the District had previously agreed to contribute funds towards the City's costs of administering this year's Lake Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species Program. Discussion ensued.

Action Taken

Citron moved, Lambert seconded, to authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the District and the City of Bellingham regarding the provision of funds for the 2013 Lake Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species Program costs in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Motion passed.

• Discussion: Re-Conveyance of Land from DNR to Whatcom County
Citron explained that Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Natural
Resources have been working on a land transaction process called a "re-conveyance" of
approximately 8,000 acres of State Forest Transfer trust lands within the Lake Whatcom
Watershed to Whatcom County for park use. Citron proposed that the Board send a letter to the
Whatcom County Council members in support of the re-conveyance, provided that the land will
be put to low impact park reserve use with no resultant increase in traffic within the watershed.
Following a lengthy discussion, the consensus was that Citron will draft the letter and forward it
to the other Board members for their comments prior to finalization and mailing by staff.

Manager's Report

The Spring WASWD Conference was briefly discussed. Commissioner Weide and General Manager Sorensen will attend the conference which is being held in on April 3, 4, and 5th in Yakima.

With no further business, Mc Roberts adjourned the Regular Session at 9:40 a.m.

Recording Secretary, Lyn Edwards

Date Minutes Approved

Leslie Mc-Roberts

Todd Citron

Deboráh Lambert

John W. Millar

Laura Weide