Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
May 27, 2015

Board President Leslie Mc Roberts called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 a.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Todd Citron, Ian Millar and Laura Weide, General Manager Patrick Sorensen, District Engineer Bill Hunter and Recording Secretary Lyn Edwards. Commissioner Bruce Ford was excused from the meeting. A list of interested participants is on file.

- Public Comment

North Shore resident Celeste Shipp spoke to the Board about extending sewer service to her property which is located beyond the District's North Shore Interceptor. She would prefer to have sewer service for her home instead of continuing to use her septic system.

- Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Weide moved, Citron seconded, approval of:

- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling $81,451.93**
- **Payroll for Pay Period #11 (5/9/2015 to 5/22/2015) totaling $40,890.25**
- **Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #11 totaling $36,938.17**
- **Minutes for the May 13, 2015 Meeting**

Motion passed.

- Strawberry Point Pump Station Project – Contract Award

Hunter explained that funding allocated in the 2015 budget for this project is $723,411.00. An Advertisement for Bids was published and two bids were received and opened on 5/19/2015. The lower of the two bids was 33% higher than the engineer's estimate due to the costs of the temporary shoring installation. Minor value engineering design revisions can eliminate the necessity of the temporary shoring and PSE temporarily de-energizing overhead power lines (a savings of around $95k to $105k based on the bid prices received). District staff believes that the existing pump station can be safely maintained and operated for another year while the project design is being revised. The Board discussed the Strawberry Point Sewage Pump Station Improvements Project.

Action Taken

Weide moved, Citron seconded, to reject all bids received, direct staff to make value engineering revisions to the design and re-bid the project during the winter of 2016. Motion passed.

- Other Business

Memorial Day Weekend Emergencies

Hunter reported that District crew members responded to two emergencies that occurred over the Memorial Day weekend. One was a control panel issue at the Sudden Valley Water Treatment Plant that prevented it from running and another was a water main break. Both issues were resolved within a few hours.

- Manager's Report

Sorensen requested that the District's Finance Committee meet to discuss debt management procedures and the banking RFQ that is currently in process. The Finance Committee is comprised of the General Manager, Finance Manager and two Commissioners. Commissioners

Citron and Weide agreed to serve on the Finance Committee. Sorensen will coordinate with participants to schedule a time and date for the meeting.

With no further business, Mc Roberts adjourned the Regular Session at 8:40 a.m.

Lyn Edwards
Recording Secretary, Lyn Edwards

6-10-2015
Date Minutes Approved

Leslie Mc Roberts

Todd Citron

John W. Millar

Laura Weide