



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

1220 Lakeway Drive
Bellingham, WA 98229

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 26, 2019

Board Secretary Todd Citron called the Regular Session to order at 8:24 a.m.

Attendees: Commissioner Todd Citron
Commissioner Bruce Ford
Commissioner Leslie McRoberts
General Manager Justin Clary
Assistant General Manager/District Engineer Bill Hunter
Finance Manager/Treasurer Debi Denton
Operations & Maintenance Manager Brent Winters
Recording Secretary Rachael Hope
Consulting Engineer Melanie Mankamyer

Excused Absences: Commissioner Laura Abele
Commissioner John Carter

No members of the public were in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

McRoberts moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- Meeting Notes from the 04/10/2018 Board Meeting
- Payroll for Pay Period #13 (06/01/2019 through 06/14/2019) totaling \$44,331.27
- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #12 totaling \$51,989.79
- Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$73,840.32.

Motion passed.

Staff Presentation: Cathodic Protection Inspection

Winters explained that most of the District's water reservoirs are constructed of steel and, therefore, susceptible to corrosion. As part of its proactive maintenance program, the District periodically has these reservoirs inspected. These inspections ensure that the cathodic protection (CP) systems are functioning appropriately to maximize the life of the infrastructure. In March 2019, Norton Corrosion Limited conducted inspections of the District's Geneva, Sudden Valley Water Treatment Plant, Division 7, Division 22, and Division 30 reservoirs.

Winters presented the Board with the final report from Norton Corrosion, which indicated that the Geneva and Sudden Valley Water Treatment Plant CP systems are functioning inadequately. Staff gave a

brief explanation of the options and recommendations for reservoir-specific approaches to ensuring the full operational lives of each reservoir. Discussion followed.

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Update

Clary recalled that during the May 8, 2019 Board meeting, Gary Stoyka of Whatcom County Public Works provided a presentation on various aspects of the newly established Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Service Area. During its May 29, 2019 meeting, the Board discussed the stormwater utility purpose and rate structure. Subsequently, staff developed a letter to the County Council indicating the District's support of creating sustainable mechanisms for funding projects that enhance the water quality of Lake Whatcom. Staff presented the Board with a draft letter for review. Discussion followed.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including activities of the Lake Whatcom Policy Group, the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, and development of an interlocal agreement with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County to continue study of the impact of on-site septic systems in the watershed. Discussion followed.

Engineering Department Report

Hunter briefed the Board on the progress of several projects, including the beginning of horizontal directional drilling at the Country Club lift station and work on the North Shore exposed sewer pipeline. Discussion followed.

Finance Department Report

Denton informed the Board that revenues are tracking to budget for 2019. The finance department is moving into budget season, and staff request forms will be distributed in July. Discussion followed.

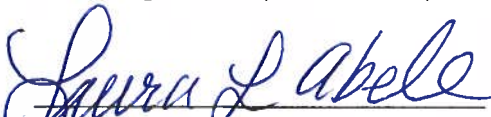
Operations Department Report

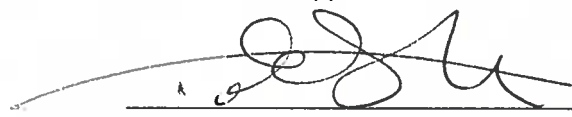
Winters reported that our water treatment plants are running as expected, and gave updates on ongoing safety training completion, and reported on the installation of a generator at the Airport lift station. Discussion followed.

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



Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

July 31, 2019
Date Minutes Approved


Laura Abele


Todd Citron


Bruce R. Ford


Leslie McRoberts


John Carter