



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
1220 Lakeway Drive
Bellingham, WA 98229

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 08, 2022

Board President Laura Abele called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:	Commissioner Laura Abele	General Manager Justin Clary
	Commissioner Todd Citron	District Engineer/Assistant GM Bill Hunter
	Commissioner John Carter	Operations Manager Brent Winters
	Commissioner Bruce Ford	Recording Secretary Rachael Hope
	Commissioner Leslie McRoberts	District Legal Counsel Bob Carmichael

Also in attendance were the following members of the public:

- Jon Humphrey
- Mike Belisle
- Brian & Maureen Sullivan
- Steven Kersey
- Barry Levinson
- Danica Thiessen
- Alison Hoagland
- Dave McEachran
- Mike Gale
- Gerri Rae
- Fred & Sandy Dentinger
- Eric Prestbo
- Claire Beiser & Tom Rosenberg
- Laura Rink
- Deborah De Wees
- Jennifer Hine
- Erik Herron
- Nilo Camden & Jenny England
- Cameron & Melanie Whitley
- Anne Cope
- Alan Chang
- Penny Rosen
- Steve Nelson
- John Gardiner
- Barbara Williams
- Roger DeSpain
- Alvin Hill
- Adam Rustad

All attendees participated remotely by phone or video conferencing.

Roll Call

General Manager Justin Clary performed a roll call to identify those in attendance, and then verbally confirmed that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Resolution No. 859 allowing remote meeting attendance, as well as in compliance with current statutory requirements. It was confirmed that all participants were able to be heard and hear each other clearly.

Public Comment

Commissioner Abele opened the public comment period, explaining that commenters would be given 1.5 minutes each to comment. Comment was given by attendees on topics including the District's lease with Dish Wireless for the construction of a cell tower on District property at 1010 Lakeview Street and the Eagleridge Water Booster Station Conversion Project.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

McRoberts moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- **Minutes for the May 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Minutes for the May 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Minutes for the May 26, 2022 Special Board Meeting**
- **Payroll for Pay Period #11 (5/14/2022 through 05/27/2022) totaling \$47,931.41**
- **Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #11 totaling \$53,748.86**
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$191,520.47**

Motion passed.

Eagleridge Water Booster Station Conversion Project Discussion

Clary recalled that following the District's determination that system pressures around the Eagleridge Water Booster Station meet current District policy, the State Department of Health approved the planned project to remove the booster pumps the District provided outreach to Eagleridge system customers via a letter dated December 6, 2021.

Since issuance of the December 6 letter, there has been ongoing dialogue with Eagleridge customers regarding the impacts of the proposed project. The Board has discussed the project during a regularly scheduled meetings held on January 12, 2022 and April 13, 2022; and a work session held on February 9, 2022. On May 18, 2022 many customers in the booster station's service area participated in a water pressure test meant to simulate water system conditions should the domestic pumps ultimately be removed. The Board was presented with the results of this test as well as resident comments.

Prior Board discussion included an analysis of a variety of potential alternatives associated with the project. Based upon past discussion, the alternatives have been winnowed down to three primary options: Implement the Proposed Project (domestic pump removal); Incorporate Pump System Replacement into the 6-Year Capital Improvement Program (funded by the Water Utility System Reinvestment Fund); or Incorporate Pump System Replacement into the 6-Year Capital Improvement Program (funded by a rate surcharge placed on benefiting customers).

Discussion followed, and all attendees were provided with an opportunity to express concerns or pose questions. No action was taken, and the Board requested future agenda items to discuss general District policy around water pressure levels of service.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including the Lake Whatcom Management Program policy group quarterly meeting, interest from the Glen Cove Water Association in potentially consolidating into the District's water services, the Agate Heights Water Treatment Plant Department of Health sanitary survey results, and progress on scheduling meetings with City of Bellingham to discuss the Post Point Resource Recovery project. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Comment was given by attendees on topics including the Eagleridge Water Booster Station Conversion Project.

With no further business, Abele adjourned the Regular Session 8:13 p.m.



Board President, Laura Abele

Attest: 

Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at Regular Special Board Meeting on June 29, 2022
Date Minutes Approved