



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

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

February 14, 2024

Board President Todd Citron called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Commissioner Todd Citron (v)	General Manager Justin Clary (v)
Commissioner John Carter	Engineering Manager Greg Nicoll
Commissioner Bruce Ford	Legal Counsel Bob Carmichael
Commissioner Jeff Knakal (v)	Recording Secretary Rachael Hope
Commissioner David Holland	

No public were in attendance. Attendees noted with a (v) attended the meeting virtually.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Holland moved, Knakal seconded, approval of:

- **Minutes for the 01.31.2024 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Payroll for Pay Period #3 (01.20.2024 through 02.02.2024) totaling \$50,049.75**
- **Benefits for Pay Period #1 totaling \$55,708.27**
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$155,015.40**

Motion passed.

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion

Clary explained that the Growth Management Act (GMA) is a series of Washington State statutes that requires fast-growing cities and counties to develop a comprehensive plan to manage their population growth. The GMA establishes 13 goals which serve as a basis for all comprehensive plans; including enhancement of natural resource industries and open space/recreation, protection of the environment, and ensuring adequate public facilities and services.

The active Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the County Council in 2016, and an update to the current comprehensive plan is required by June 30, 2025. As an initial step in reviewing and updating the comprehensive plan, the County is soliciting comments from its public agency partners, including the District, and has requested agency comments by February 29, 2024.

As a provider of urban-level water and sewer service, District services overlap with planning policies defined in several chapters of the current comprehensive plan. District staff reviewed those sections

applicable to the District and offered excerpts and comments to facilitate board discussion and development of comments, as the board may deem appropriate. Discussion followed.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including lead detection sampling results by the Bellingham School District at Geneva Elementary School (attributed to fixtures within the school), the Euclid Pump Station project and generator, and the February 5 receipt of the \$262,000 from FEMA. Discussion followed.

With no further business, Citron adjourned the regular session at 8:18 p.m.



Board President, Todd Citron

Attest: 

Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at Regular Special Board Meeting on Feb 28, 2024