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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 8, 2024

Board President Todd Citron called the Special Session to order at 5:36 p.m.

Attendees: Commissioner Todd Citron General Manager Justin Clary
 Commissioner Bruce Ford Engineering Manager Greg Nicoll
 Commissioner Jeff Knakal Finance Manager Jenny Signs
 Commissioner David Holland Operations Manager Jason Dahlstrom
 Recording Secretary Rachael Hope District Legal Counsel Bob Carmichael

Excused Absence: Commissioner John Carter

On-site Sewage System Policy Review

Clary recalled that the District was formed as Water District 10 in 1968 with a mission including stewardship and protection of the Lake Whatcom Watershed. Though the District has compelled people within 200 feet of District sewer mains to connect, there are still nearly 100 septic systems in use along the north shore of Lake Whatcom. Since 2017, the Board of Commissioners has revisited the topic of on-site sewage systems (OSS; commonly referred to as septic systems) on multiple occasions.

Staff from Whatcom County Health and Community Services (Health Department) provided a presentation to the Board during the April 10, 2024 Board meeting; and at the same meeting Commissioner Ford submitted a draft position on Lake Whatcom OSS for Board consideration. The intent of this work session was to allow the Board to discuss and deliberate on any proposed changes to the District’s current policy, including consideration of District resources. Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Holland joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business, Citron adjourned the Special Session at 6:43 p.m.

Board President, Todd Citron

Attest:

Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at Regular Special Board Meeting on 5/29/24
Date Minutes Approved