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REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

February 12, 2025

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

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

Excused Absences: Commissioner Jeff Knakal

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

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Carter moved, Holland seconded, approval of:

- Payroll for Pay Period #01 (12.21.2024 through 01.03.2025) totaling \$48,841.00
- Benefits for Pay Period #01 totaling \$56,941.34
- Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$151,108.32

Motion passed.

Ecology Cost Reimbursement Program for Water Right No. CG1-23449C

In 2006, the District entered into an agreement with the Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center (LWRTC) to extend the District's Agate Heights System to serve the LWRTC's facility located at 3400 Agate Heights Road. A condition of the agreement was LWRTC's transfer of ownership of its water distribution system, groundwater wells, and groundwater water right (Water Right Certificate No. G1-23449C) to the District. Following execution of this agreement, in 2010 Wilson Engineering filed the District's Application for Change/Transfer of Water Right to transfer Water Right No. G1-23449C from the LWRTC well to the District's 10-inch diameter well serving its Agate Heights water system.

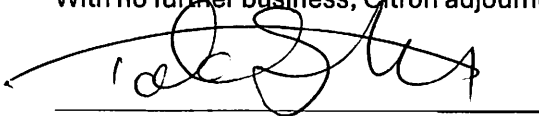
With nearly 15 years having passed since the application was filed, and significant District staff turnover having occurred during that time, current District staff had incorrectly understood that the water right transfer had been completed. However, in review of the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan that is currently under revision, the subject water right transfer was noted as pending. District staff met with Ecology on January 22 to discuss the transfer application status and means of expediting its completion. Due to current workload and the pending WRIA No. 1 adjudication, Ecology staff could not provide a timeline for the application to be processed under the traditional review process and recommended the District consider

Ecology's cost reimbursement process. The Board discussed the topic during its January 29, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting and requested that it be added to the February 12 meeting agenda for additional discussion.

Action Taken

Carter moved, Holland seconded, to authorize the General Manager to proceed with a contract with Ecology for the transfer of the Lake Whatcom Treatment Center water right through the Cost Reimbursement Program. Motion passed.

With no further business, Citron adjourned the regular session at 7:41 p.m.



Board President, Todd Citron

Attest: 

Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at ☒ Regular ☐ Special Board Meeting on 2/26/2025