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## REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Minutes

*February 25, 2026*

Board Secretary John Carter called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Attendees:**

Commissioner Todd Citron (v)	General Manager Justin Clary
Commissioner John Carter (v)	Engineering Manager Greg Nicoll
Commissioner Jeff Knakal	Operations Manager Jason Dahlstrom
Commissioner David Holland	Recording Secretary Rachael Hope

Also in attendance were City of Bellingham staff Mike Olinger, Deputy Public Works Director, and Mike Wilson, City Engineer. One member of the public (v) was in attendance, in observation only. Attendees noted with a (v) attended the meeting virtually.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Action Taken**

**Knakal moved, Holland seconded, approval of:**

- **Minutes for the 01.28.2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Payroll for Pay Period #04 (01.31.2026 through 02.13.2026) totaling \$58,630.79**
- **Benefits for Pay Period #04 totaling \$62,834.62**
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$182,521.55**

**Motion passed.**

### **City of Bellingham Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Program Presentation**

Clary briefly explained that since the development of the District's collection and conveyance system shortly after formation of the District in 1968, wastewater generated by District customers is discharged to the City of Bellingham's system for conveyance to and treatment at the City's Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The City's acceptance and treatment of District wastewater is governed by an interlocal agreement (ILA) and the District pays a volumetric rate for wastewater discharged to the City. This rate does not include a component for financing capital improvements. To ensure the District proportionately contributes to capital improvements at the WWTP, the ILA includes a provision for the District to finance 4.8% for any major capital improvements. The City has the following capital projects planned in the near-term:

- **Generators/Controls Improvement Project; \$5.9 million; complete in 2027**
- **Sludge Tank Replacement Project; \$20 million; complete in 2028**
- **Incinerators Improvement Project; \$40 million; complete in 2031**

Mike Olinger, Deputy Public Works Director, and Mike Wilson, City Engineer, provided a presentation to the Board on the City's capital improvement program for the Post Point WWTP. Discussion followed.

**General Manager's Report**

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including the status of the Commissioner Position 3 vacancy and recruitment efforts, approval of an interlocal agreement to use the Scenic Intertie during the Division 22-1 & Geneva Reservoir projects, and updates on activity in the Washington State Legislature. Discussion followed.

**Engineering Department Report**

Nicoll highlighted progress in preparing upcoming requests for bids for several capital projects, including design and permitting progress. Discussion followed.

**Operations & Maintenance Department Report**

Dahlstrom reported on the District's continued safety record, and highlighted installation of a flow monitor at the District's Pinto Creek pressure reducing valve and how it has assisted the Operations & Maintenance Department in system assessment and evaluation of spikes in usage.

With no further business, Carter adjourned the regular session at 8:44 a.m.

  
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Board President, Todd Citron

Attest:   
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Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at  Regular  Special Board Meeting on 3/11/2026