

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, April 22, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING
1:00 PM

Meeting came to order at 1:05 PM

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Water District 19 was held at the District's Office. The Vashon Beachcomber and Vashon Loop were notified in advance of the meeting. Those in attendance were President **Richard Bard**, Commissioners **Bob Powell** and **Jenny Bell**, General Manager **Jeff Lakin** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**.

1. VISITOR BUSINESS

- There were no visitors

2. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Agenda – **Commissioner Bard** proposed setting the agenda prior to the next meeting to reduce the amount of emails being sent. All were in favor.
- Innovation Plan – The specific elements of **Commissioner Bell**'s Innovation Plan document were discussed by the Board.
Commissioner Bell stated for the record that she feels the district's current mission statement is inadequate.
- Low Income – **Commissioner Bell** proposed a Motion to approve a \$20.00 reduction in the base rate charge for qualified low income customers with program administration being done by Vashon Youth and Family Services, St. Vincent de Paul and IFCH (Interfaith Council for the Homeless). Each of the organizations that were approached for assistance by **Commissioner Bell** would be given a book of Vouchers that they will distribute to low income customers of Water District 19 that are currently eligible for the Washington State Food Stamps program (SNAP). **The Board** will entertain the Motion once the Resolution is written and reviewed.
- Modeling a rate structure for conservation – **Commissioner Bell** presented information regarding a model rate structure that San Juan Eastsound Water Users Association (EWUA) is using, which rewards customers for being conservative, tying rates to equivalent residential units (ERUs). **Commissioners Bard and Powell** agreed to take the information under consideration.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 PM for a short break and reconvened at 3:45 PM

- Seasonal water issues calendar – particular focuses. **Commissioner Bell** proposed producing quarterly newsletters focusing on *quality* in the first quarter, *conserve* in the second quarter, *energy* in the third quarter and *prepare* in the fourth quarter. **Commissioner Bard** would like to begin first by utilizing the district's website as the repository for any new information that doesn't already exist. It was agreed to delay distribution of a paper newsletter until August to be able to accommodate the additional mail burden.
- Proposed Agenda items for next regular meeting – Further discussion on the Innovation plan, strategy document, further usage analysis, watershed protection area revisions.
- Approval of minutes – Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

- **The Board** made a Motion to change the regular meeting start time from 4:30 PM to 4:00 PM and to allocate coverage time for visitors business at 6:30 PM. Motion was approved.

3. **SIGN APPROVED MINUTES IN BOOK**

4. **SIGN VOUCHERS**

The meeting concluded at 5:01 PM