

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

Board President **Bob Powell** called the Regular Meeting of the Water District 19 Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM. Commissioners **Seth Zuckerman** and **Mike Weller**, General Manager **Jim McRae** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder** were also in attendance. Visitors present were Kevin Opsahl, Editor Vashon Beachcomber, Dominic Jovanovich, Pete James, Duncan Goulding, Michael Laurie, Diane Emerson, Brent Millett, Dave Stoltz Jr., Bryan Raby, IUOE Local 302 Organizer, Margaret Englund, IUOE Local 302 Field Representative, Marilyn and Richard Foulkes, Belinda Olvera, Heather Baldwin, Steve Ellison, Helen Westphal, Ryan McCray, Keith Kassik, Jourdan Marshall, Kevin Grayer, Dave Pekarek, Oxana Pisarenko, Mark Graham, Kai Osorio-Sawka, Jeff Roeser and Kimberly Hicks.

• **VISITOR BUSINESS**

- Dominic Jovanovich, Water District 19 Operator came to the meeting to ask why the Agenda had not noted that the Board would be voting on union wages and benefits contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302. He had been under the impression that they were ready to come to an agreement. Much discussion occurred between members of the community, Union Representatives and the Board concerning the contract.
- **REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:34 PM** at which **Board President Powell** made a Motion to go into Closed Session under the provisions of RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 302.

CLOSED SESSION: A Closed Session was entered into at 7:35 PM

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: the Board came out of Closed Session at 7:55 PM. No action was taken in the Closed Session

Board President Powell made a Motion to approve the union contract as written, and to direct **General Manager McRae** to sign contingent on incorporating the following friendly edits:

1. Section 9.13 item 6: replace “school district’ with “water district”
2. Section 20.1: The contract shall take effect retroactive to January 1, 2020
3. Appendix A: only the actual Operator in Responsible Charge shall receive the additional 10%.

Further, it’s the district’s intent to enact a rate increase effective April 1, 2020 to offset increased costs associated with this agreement

Commissioner Weller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• **BOARD – ACTION REQUIRED**

- Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) easement – Steve Ellison, Water District 19 customer and Pete James, representing PSERN came to the meeting to discuss the finalization of the

road use/easement agreement between Water District 19's and Steve Ellison's property.

Commissioner Weller suggested that the district work out a cost split whereby the Grantee would pay 2/3 of the cost to relocate the roadway if the District needed to expand its footprint. The Grantor would pay 1/3 of those costs. **Commissioner Zuckerman** added that he would like to see intent language added to the easement stating that the parties are executing these easements in an effort to allow continued use of the existing driveway. **Commissioner Weller** made a Motion to accept the road use/easement agreement; **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Madrona Cove SMA Agreement – the water systems are in place, they really need to get an agreement going to maintain the development's water system. General Manager McRae reported that the latest version of the SMA Agreement was very close to completion, and the Madrona Cove was anxious to begin selling their properties. Conversations with the District have been ongoing for almost two years and they are ready to move forward. General Manager McRae will work with Madrona Cove management and the attorney to complete the agreement, which has been modified/simplified since the Board last saw it.
- 2020 Expense Budget review & approval – **General Manager McRae** noted that with the approved union contract that the personnel costs would have to be increased to the rates in the IUOE Agreement. **General Manager McRae** will provide **Commissioner Zuckerman** a working copy of the budget model to use for developing scenarios.
- Approve of Minutes: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 – **Commissioner Weller** made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Tuesday, December 1st, 2019 – **Commissioner Zuckerman** made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 – **Commissioner Powell** made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Weller** seconded. All minutes approved unanimously.

• **BOARD – DISCUSSION/TABLE/MORE INFORMATION**

- Fish Barrier Removal Grant RFQ (due middle of January) - Tabled
- Water system plan and approval – **General Manager McRae** said that the District is close to completing the other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. To expedite the process, Chapters 8 & 9 will be reviewed at a Special Meeting scheduled on the 5th of February at 6:00 PM to continue, and hopefully complete the discussion.
- **Commissioner Zuckerman** presented a first draft of a proposal to address the definition of an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). He requested that it be put on the March 10th agenda.

• **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- General Manager's report
- Financial report through December 2019 -
- Production report through December 2019 -

Commissioner Powell made a Motion to conclude the meeting at 8:38 PM; **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.