

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM
Meeting Members participated by using “ZOOM” conferencing

Board President Bob Powell called the Regular Meeting of the Water District 19 Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Seth Zuckerman, Mike Weller,** and **General Manager Jim McRae.** Guests present via Zoom conference were Jack Boyd, Islander with long history with water systems, Dominic Jovanovich WD19 Operator and Shop Steward Local 302 IUOE, and James Rossi, new WTPO3 WD19 Operator.

AGENDA:

• **VISITOR BUSINESS**

- None

• **BOARD – ACTION REQUIRED**

- No minutes were submitted for approval at the meeting and will be reviewed at the next regular board meeting in September.
- Chapter 9 of the Water System Plan was briefly discussed, and the Commissioners agreed that based on the work done by Commissioner Zuckerman and General Manager McRae it was considered complete, and ready to send to Gray & Osborne for final formatting and submittal to the county and state.
- General Manager McRae showed a slide of the progress made on the Capital Improvement Plan projects to date. All projects and equipment in year one of the plan (2019) has been completed. Much of the equipment purchased, specifically a mini excavator & trailer, will be used for District installed water main projects, the first two of which will be along Bank Road running west of 115th Avenue SW and along 107th Avenue SW. Both are high priority projects which will both improve water availability and eliminate substantial leaks along the current mains. Of the six projects scheduled in 2020, two have been completed, three are in progress, and one has been postponed. The project to replace the District’s current telephone system, will be rescheduled after the needs of the District are better determined.
- Commissioners asked questions about delinquent accounts and questioned whether there had been any shutoffs for delinquent accounts. To date, no services have been shut off due to non-payment and will not be until the COVID-10 regulations have expired. The board requested an update of the District’s accounts receivable be presented at the September meeting so that discussion could continue.
- Jack Boyd, a guest at the meeting asked questions about the District’s changes in demand over the last several years. He also asked if the District’s water production was impacting other smaller wells on the island. The general consensus was that while that is a difficult question, it is not likely that the District was impacting smaller wells because the District wells are drilled significantly deeper than other purveyors or private wells. He recommended that we read the King County Ground Water

Committee report entitled “Protecting liquid Assets” as he thought it accurately reflected the groundwater situation on Vashon Island.

- Earlier in the year, Commissioner Powell started a conversation on Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) which is commonly used to determine water usage for water systems. Commissioner Powell had circulated some thoughts on the subject in late 2019 (or early 2020?) as a starting point for assessing system demand. Commissioner Powell has expressed interest in changing the amount of water utilized in defining the ERU. He asked that we take this topic up again after the current wait list had been fulfilled and asked that the board continue discussion at the September board meeting. Commissioner Powell agreed to frame the discussion in preparation for the discussion.

• **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- General Manager’s report – **General Manager McRae** quickly reviewed the financial budget to actual financial report through July 2020.
- Production report through July 2020, which shows the treatment plant producing more of the water for the month of July. He acknowledged that while the district has been producing quite a bit of water lately, he felt like demand was falling a little since mid-August. We are no longer turning the Treatment Plant off at night but are running one filter to make-up additional demand with water from the wells.

MOTION - **Commissioner Powel** made a Motion to conclude the meeting at 7:14 PM; **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.