

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Meeting was conducted by ZOOM Conferencing.

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

Board President Bob Powell called the Regular Meeting of the Water District 19 Board of Commissioners to order at 6:01 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Seth Zuckerman** and **Mike Weller**, **General Manager Jim McRae** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**. Visitors present were Sarah Broz and Sarah Kassik.

• **VISITOR BUSINESS**

- None
- Other

• **BOARD – ACTION REQUIRED**

- Approve minutes from Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting – **Commissioner Zuckerman** made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Review & approve Water System Plan Chapter 8 (CIP) – suggested edits were recommended by the Board and incorporated into the plan. **Commissioner Weller** stated that he is comfortable with the chapter. **Commissioner Powell** made a Motion to approve Chapter 8 as amended; **Commissioner Zuckerman** second. Motion passed unanimously.
- Review & approve draft of Chapter 9 (Finance) – suggested edits again were recommended by the Board and incorporated into the plan. **Commissioner Powell** was concerned with the spreadsheet calculation year were not carrying forward the prior year's balance. The Commissioners concluded that they could not approve Chapter 9 tonight. **General Manager McRae** will ask **Commissioner Zuckerman** for some help.
- Set a date for an open public meeting for Water System Plan – no date set until the Board has finalized Chapter 9.
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• **BOARD – DISCUSSION/TABLE/MORE INFORMATION**

- Discussion of WSP timing & financing projects in the interim – Tabled.
- Flushing Plans & continued discussion on colored water complaints – Tabled.
- Major renovation on Beall & Ellis pump stations & status of WTP – **General Manager McRae** reported that **Operations Lead Rossi** elected to do some major cleaning at the Beall and Ellis Creek stations, which are currently shut down. There needs to be some shoring of the banks, with possibly utilizing ecology blocks or other means to shore-up the bank and keep it from sliding. The Board elected to continue with plans to shore the site up instead of attempting to move ahead with the Beall Creek stream improvement project at this time. When the peak season has ended, the Board will revisit rebuilding the site, as the primary need is to get the plant online. **Commissioner Powell** believes that the District needs a more professional study, and that the current cost estimate for work at the Beall Creek pumping site is significantly underbudgeted. While the District has the

engineering plans, we could be in an awkward spot trying to hurriedly get the permitting and construction completed without impacting operations. The cleaning/overhauling of the creek sites has been very deep and thorough at both stations.

- Financing discussion on Capital Project Funding – **General Manager McRae** discussed possible Bond Funding with the Board for future Capital Projects and will continue to monitor other sources of capital for the District’s CIP.

• **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- General Manager’s report – **General Manager McRae** reported to the Board that this afternoon, while staff were flushing the raw water line that runs east of Beall Road, a slide occurred about 9’ off of the edge of pavement as a result of the flushed water flowing onto the bank. A large portion of the bank slid off, and King County was notified that a slide had occurred. There does not seem to be any danger at this time, nor does the water line seem to be compromised. The raw water line is about 3 feet from the edge of pavement. A fair amount of material slid down. One operator was on site when the slide occurred. **General Manager McRae** notified the District’s insurer, but will not likely know more until tomorrow.
- General Manager McRae is continuing to look for state and federal funding and will keep the Board updated on any opportunities.
- General Manager McRae presented a Financial report through April 2021 and a Production report for April 2021
- While the Water Treatment Plant is currently offline, work is continuing to complete the installation of several SCADA improvements and expects the plant to be online before the end of May. The work to clean the surface water pumping stations is almost complete. Operations will flush the raw water line from Beall Creek to the treatment plant and will run the plant with water from Ellis Creek and utilize one filter (half the capacity) for a week to 10 days. Both filters are expected to be back in service by early June.

Commissioner Zuckerman asked why the well site had not been shut down as expected at the beginning of May.

THE BOARD CONCLUDED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:52 PM at which time the Board entered Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee under provisions of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was entered into at 8:53 PM

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:08 PM. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Commissioner Zuckerman made a Motion to conclude the Regular Meeting at 9:09 PM. **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.