

**Water District 19**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**Regular Meeting 6:00 PM**

**Board President Seth Zuckerman** called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Mike Weller** and **Robin Pfohman**, **General Manager John Martinak**, **Operator in Responsible Charge Armin Wahanik** and **Office Administrator Melody Snyder**. Visitors present were Mark & Susan Graham, Sarah Kassik, Fran & Rich Gustav, and Martin Koenig

6:00 Call to Order – **Commissioner Zuckerman**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Weller** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. Motion carried.

**Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments: Maintenance Fund Vouchers #27323** through #27346 totaling \$36,777.58. **Payroll warrants #4031** through #4047 totaling \$22,887.18 and **Payroll EFT Direct Deposits** totaling \$14,207.98 dated 01/17/23 and 02/01/23. **Electronic payments** dated 01/18/23, 02/02/23, and 02/09/23 totaling \$10,578.13 and Department of Revenue Payment for \$5,796.49. Motion to approve made by **Commissioner Zuckerman** and seconded by **Commissioner Weller**. Vouchers approved unanimously.

**System Operations Report – Operator in Charge Wahanik** presented a slide show about customer consumption based on billing data from 2022.

Mark Graham, a district 19 customer asked a question about the arsenic levels in the Beall Well and suggested that the district not use that source even for emergency purposes. He’s done a lot of research about arsenic and wanted to share his concerns about using the Beall Well. Operator in Charge Wahanik said that the district’s levels are running around 3.86 parts per billion, EPA standards are at 10 parts per billion. He spoke about sending out newsletters concerning the arsenic levels and conservation suggestions to our customers. Also reported by Wahanik was the 10 % system wide leakage issue and ramping up the leak detection services to monitor our system at least twice a year.

**Financial Report – General Manager Martinak** reported a quiet start to the year. Expenses are 30% lower than this time last year, with a net income of less than \$9,000.00. Projected income and expenses for 2023 has the District falling well below the recommended operating ratio of 1.2, running the risk of an annual operating deficit. Budget and potential rate increases to be discussed in greater depth at the March meeting.

**New Business**

- Sewer District – Jim Gross, Manager of Vashon Sewer District spoke with General Manager Martinak about a possible merger. Mr. Gross will attend the March meeting to discuss this option in greater detail.
- Defining process for release of new water units – **Commissioner Zuckerman** began the discussion on how the district was able to end the 20+ year moratorium, mainly due to the district’s recently approved water system plan. The plan projected the addition of 14 new Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) per year of consumption from 2017 through 2022. **Commissioner Zuckerman** then made a Motion to approve Resolution #1179 which will make available 28 new ERUS (water units) for purchase in the spring of 2023. Those water units will be made available through a random drawing process to those parties expressing an interest in purchasing those water units. Target date for the drawing is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with those applications to be in the district’s possession by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023; **Commissioner Weller** seconded, and **the motion carried unanimously**.

### **Old Business**

- 216<sup>th</sup> Main Replacement DWSRF Loan – The District is on DOH’s funding list. Training sessions on proper handling of the funds are tentatively scheduled for April.
- Labor negotiations – Round 7 took place on 02/09/2023. Afterward, IUOE delivered its latest proposal. The District has the option to accept or offer a counterproposal.
- Madrona Cove – no update to report.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Commissioner Weller** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. **Commissioner Pfohman** seconded, and **the motion carried unanimously**.