

Water District 19
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 25, 2024

Special Meeting 6:00 PM.

President Seth Zuckerman called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:03 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Mike Weller** and **Robin Pfohman**, **General Manager John Martinak** and **Office Administrator Melody Snyder**. Visitor present, **Dianne Krouse**.

6:03 Call to Order – **Commissioner Zuckerman**

Business

- Water Unit Allocation Policy/2023 Water Unit Buy-Back Policy – Eric Frimodt of Inslee Best joined the meeting via conference call to discuss the legal framework and potential issues surrounding changes to the water unit allocation policy. The discussion touched on the potential for giving preference to certain uses, best practices around public outreach, and the risks of policies that would require long-term unused policies to be repurchased by the district. No actions were taken by the board.

After concluding the conference call with Mr. Frimodt, the board had a broad discussion of areas of agreement and areas requiring further research and discussion.

Areas of Agreement:

- The allocation process should be revised to limit the time between receiving an ERU and the completion of a active service connection (i.e. shares cannot be held indefinitely)
- Allocating some shares to specific uses that serve the public good is desirable
- The board does not want to issue additional shares until the District’s policies can be updated

Areas for Further Discussion & Research:

- Review buyback list & repurchase options further with Mr. Frimodt
- **Office Administrator Snyder** to collect and share data re: outstanding water shares & buyback list
- Research King County policies and how District policies can be brought better in alignment
- Board to develop written policy goals for any allocation process revisions
- Review current system capacity numbers and how that information could influence policy decisions

Adjournment:

Having concluded the discussion, **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to adjourn at 7:53, which was seconded by **Commissioner Weller**. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.