

Water District 19
Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 13, 2024

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Commissioner Seth Zuckerman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Mike Weller** and **Commissioner Pfohman**, **General Manager John Martinak**, **Operator in Responsible Charge Armin Wahanik** and Office **Administrator Melody Snyder**. Visitors present were Richard Bard, Allen and Bonnie deSteiguer and Vashon Beachcomber reporter, Marnie Kanagy.

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

At 6:01 PM, **Commissioner Zuckerman** announced that the Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement action, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in a adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency. The Board will be in Executive Session until 6:30 PM. The Board is not expected to take further action following the Executive Session.

The Board returned to the Regular Meeting at 6:29 PM; no action was taken in Executive Session.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, Special Meeting, Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, Regular Meeting, were not approved. Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Weller** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Pfohman** seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tuesday, October 29th, 2024, Special Meeting. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Weller** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

System Operations Report – OIRC Wahanik – The emergency water use restriction that was declared in August, has been lifted and the treatment plant is back on line, using recycled water. Usage is down, water restrictions and rainy weather are likely the reason. Water usage demand is running 20 percent below the 10-year average. Other projects completed are the EPA required lead and service line inventory and improvement to 188th Ave SW mainline and meter installations. The district still needs to abandon the old existing line on 188th Ave SW, which connects to Vashon Hwy. District Operators and Jake Johnson Construction moved a fire hydrant for work being done on SW Cemetery Road for King County Roads culvert project. There were no further calls concerning taste and odors from the Chautauqua Beach area.

Financial Report – General Manager Martinak – Reserves are currently \$447,000 above where they were last October. The operating ratio for the year and the last 12 months is at 1.3. Unfilled positions in operations has operator compensation down ~\$7,000, but being short-staffed and the increased work associated with the algal bloom has resulted in an increase in overtime expenses. Total costs attributed to the recent algal bloom are at ~\$72,000. Pond coverers are expected to run around \$20,000. Estimates are not yet available for the potassium permanganate treatment system.

New Business

- Compensating King County for use of ROW (Right of Way) – General Manager Martinak – The District received the Amendment to the Franchise Agreement for use of the right of way. Retroactive fees from 2018 – 2024 totaled \$346,140, costing ratepayers approximately \$227 - \$237 each. The Board decided

that this discussion should be added to the December 10th agenda, as it will be necessary to discuss how best to collect this added fee. GM Martinak will reach out to WASWD (Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts) for guidance, as well as ask the County if there is room for negotiation.

- Data Backup Upgrades – General Manager – A draft cost to update our back up tapes was provided from Integrity Information Services. The Board requested more information.
- Water Service Policies – General Manager Martinak – Postponed
- Slide show presentation – The Board resumed tweaking the slide show for the November 21st, special meeting.
- Richard Bard, former Board Commissioner and District 19 customer, requested more information from the Board about the Apartment/Multi-family new ERU calculations that were added to the District's Master Resolution.

Old Business:

- Treatment Plant Wastewater/Recycle Pond Issues– General Manager Martinak – Pond cover options are being reviewed by Gray & Osborne, and they continue to design a potassium permanganate treatment system to submit for DOH approval. Treatment plant operating data is being collected and evaluated to determine ways to optimize plant performance and reduce wastewater production.
- Staffing – Update/Information Item – GM Martinak - Joey Mayorkinos (WTPO 2 WDM 2) is to begin working for the District on 11/18/2024. Conversations are ongoing with two senior level operators to fill the remaining position.

Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments – Maintenance Fund Vouchers #27960 through #27987 totaling \$105,94.99. Capital Improvement Fund Voucher #12334 through #12339 totaling \$39,355.19. Payroll Warrants #4367 through #4382 totaling \$56,680.86 and Payroll EFT Direct Deposits totaling \$14,537.94 dated 10/16/24 and 11/01/24. Electronic payments dated 10/17/24, 11/02/24 and 11/11/24 totaling \$8,624.46 and Department of Revenue payment for \$8,311.98. Commissioner Pfohman made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Commissioner Weller seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to conclude the meeting at 8:25 PM. **Commissioner Weller** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.