

Water District 19
Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 15th, 2026
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Commissioner Zuckerman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Angela Marshall, Commissioner Robin Pfohman, General Manager John Martinak, Operations Lead Armin Wahanik** and **Office Administrator Heidi McWatters**.

6:03 PM Call to order – **Commissioner Zuckerman**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. The motion carried.

Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments – Maintenance Fund Vouchers numbered 28504 to 28529 totaling \$40,027.82. **Capital Improvement Vouchers** numbered 12375 to 12376 totaling \$29,975.64. **Dept. of Revenue** payment totaling \$6,403.49. **Dept. of Retirement** payment totaling \$6,721.15 paid on 6/10/26. **Payroll Direct** deposits in the amounts of \$24,632.98 and \$19,532.24. **Payroll EFT** payments in the amounts of \$7,358.94 and \$7,420.18.

System Operations Report – Operations Lead Wahanik – Information Item – Routine water quality monitoring remain satisfactory, and no cyanotoxins have been detected in water delivered by the treatment plant. An exceedance of total trihalomethanes (disinfection byproduct) was detected in the 625 tank while the tanks were offline for static water recovery evaluation at the well site. The exceedance was not typical, and likely due to lack of turnover in the tank/water age. The surface water treatment plant operated for 29 days last month, wells 1 and 4 for 27 days, and the Morgan Hill well for 27 days. The Vashon Meadows and Beall wells remained offline. Total water production in June consisted of 73% surface water and 27% groundwater. The Washington State Department of Health’s routine Sanitary Survey is scheduled for this summer, although the specific date has not yet been determined.

Financial Report – General Manager Martinak – Information Item – Efforts continue to reconcile King County Ledger balances with District QuickBooks. When all the inconsistencies have been identified the books will be reconciled with a single journal entry. This action has

been postponed until ongoing problems with applied credits in the billing software (CUSI/UMS) can be resolved.

Though June, King County Ledger balances indicated approximately \$100k more in the District's combined accounts than in 2025. 2026 finances tracking better than expected.

New Business

- **Release of 24 Water Units/Approval of Updated Application of Water Unit** – Action Item -Water service applicants on the Buyback List have been notified that the District has released water units to clear the list. 11 of the 18 applicants (16 of 24 water units) have confirmed continued interest in obtaining water service. After review of updated water unit application forms, it was suggested that costs associated with water service installation be removed from the water unit application and handled separately. **General Manager Martinak** will edit the applications as noted.
- **Water System Plan Update** – Action Item – **General Manager Martinak** solicited proposals from five qualified engineering firms found on the MRSC Roster. Gray & Osborne was the only firm to respond. No objections voiced, **General Manager Martinak** will accept Gray & Osborne's proposal and schedule a Pre-Plan meeting with WA DOH & WA DOE.
- **Surplus Equipment** – Action Item – **General Manager Martinak** has been working with **Operator Westphal** to identify equipment no longer of use to the District (backhoe, dump truck, etc.). A draft resolution identifying surplus equipment and method of equipment sale/disposal will be presented during the August meeting.

Old Business

- **216th Main Replacement Project**– Information Item –Major work on the project has been completed. One significant unresolved issue is with the culvert at 216th Vashon Highway. The District is awaiting direction from King County Roads on how to proceed. A site visit is to be scheduled with KC Roads, G&O, and **General Manager Martinak** to resolve the matter. All work performed by Reed is covered by a two-year warranty. Reed is obligated to address problems discovered during the duration of the warranty. As of the last pay request, project cost is \$240k under the loan amount. This will be a \$15k per year reduction in loan payments, \$300k saving over the course of the loan.
- **Field Staff Vacancy** – Information Item – The position remains vacant after a candidate rejected a previously accepted offer. **General Manager Martinak** is in talks with an out-of-state operator and one currently residing on the Olympic Peninsula. Both are highly qualified, but a lack of on-island housing presents problems in meeting the requirement for operators to remain on-island while serving as the operator on-call.
- **Soper Road Update** – Information Item – **General Manager Martinak** met with Risk Management Pool's claims rep, a permitting specialist, two geotechnical engineers, the contractor, and a surveyor to discuss the road restoration project. The application for the project permit is expected to be completed in 45 days. No time estimates were provided for the permit review/approval process. The contractor raised concerns over the ability to

perform portions of site work after the onset of seasonal rain. Soldier piles, wood lagging, and backfill can be performed in wet weather. Risk Management Pool has been authorizing proposals and writing checks to cover work to date. Claims for damages are not expected to be filed until access has been fully restored.

- **Labor Management Committee** – Information Item – The next LMC Meeting has been scheduled for July 21st, no agenda has been set.

Commissioner Zuckerman announced that the Board would go into executive session at 7:55 PM as permitted by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Board exited executive session at 8:22 PM. No decisions were made during the executive session. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at pm and **Commissioner Marshall** seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026.