



“Eastsound Water Users Association is a service-oriented association whose goal is to utilize all available resources to ensure that an adequate and consistent supply of safe, reliable, and palatable water is provided to its members”

Eastsound Water Users Association Regular Board Meeting

Orcas Island Fire Hall Public Meeting Room

05/21/2024

5:00 pm

The meeting was held in person at the Orcas Island Fire Department public meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by Teri Nigretto, President at 5:00 pm

Board Members present were Teri Nigretto, Jim, Nelson. Leith Templin, Michael Cleveland, Carol Ann Anderson and Jim Cook. Ron Claus was absent. General Manager, Dan Burke and Cory Harrington as minutes recorder were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Nigretto adds Executive Session to end of meeting.

Minutes

Motion: Nelson moves to approve Meeting Minutes from 4/16/2024

Second: Cleveland

Discussion: Anderson states that she did not get the email with the minutes. Secretary Templin stated that it is the individual Board member’s responsibility to contact the GM or the President the Friday before the meeting if they have not received their Board packet by 5:30 pm. Anderson is given a paper copy to review.

Approved: unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Member made a comment about improving customer service procedure. Member requests that the Board consider a policy to guarantee water is shut off if requested during business hours. Member made a comment about a phantom leak reporting on Eye On Water.
 - o Member made commented that they had great customer service. They would like to see an improvement with Eye On Water alerting. Further comments included to consider Zooming meetings, having two public comments per meeting.

- Would like to see the improvement on Association's website for documents.
- Jim Nelson was requested by member Joe Cohen who he was unable to attend. See attached letter.

GM REPORT

Dan Burke gave his GM report that covered water consumption, Q1 budget, Projects, Incidents, SJI Conservation District, Financials.

Jim Cook makes a motion.

Motion: Cook makes a motion that: To best ensure effective execution of EWUA Board's fiduciary responsibilities on behalf of the EWUA membership:

1. Carol Ann Anderson be reinstated as EWUA Board Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The Treasurer be given immediate online access to all EWUA financial systems, system passwords and documents.
3. The Board immediately establish a 3-person finance committee to assist and advise the Treasurer in the execution of Treasurer assigned responsibilities. The finance committee will be comprised of the Treasurer, a current EWUA Board member selected by the Board, and a regular EWUA member in good standing selected by the Treasurer.
4. Institutionalize #2 and #3 (above) in the EWUA Bylaws.

Second: Anderson

Discussion:

- Templin: There is conflict with reinstating Anderson because of her recall efforts and recusing herself from the lawsuit. There is documentation proving access was previously properly granted access for financial accounts. It is currently the intent of the Board to form a Financial Committee.
- Cleveland: I was the member who stated that he didn't trust Jim. He did not trust Jim after he tried to recall half of the board on his first in-person meeting. Jim's relationship with Steve creates trust issues.
- Anderson states that she has a motion that might help the existing motion and Jim can rescind his motion to allow hers. Cook declines.
- Nelson: #4 can't happen because we're not able to approve a bylaw amendment. #1 & #2 can and will be resolved. #3 the president can appoint a finance committee at will and he would encourage that. My recommendation would be to amend the motion so the chair person requests a 3 person finance committee. Suggests that Patty Miller be appointed to that committee.
- Cook does not accept a friendly amendment.

Vote:

No: Nelson, Templin, Cleveland, Nigretto

Yes: Cook, Anderson

Motion does not pass

Articles, Bylaws, and legal council distributed to Board Members.

Nelson: Legal council says that we are not legally obligated to change the articles.

Motion: Anderson moves that the current flawed bylaws amendment process be terminated, that a new Bylaws Committee be named with regular EWUA Members given equal representation, and that a new bylaws amendment process be initiated soon after that committee has been established.

Second: Cook

Discussion: Burke asks about the term “flawed”. What is the specific list of flaws?
Is this motion acceptable in its current form?

Vote:

No: Nelson, Templin, Cleveland, Nigretto

Yes: Cook, Anderson

Motion does not pass

Nigretto moves to Executive Session at 7:24PM

Next meeting to take place: June 18 2024 in the Fire Hall

Reconvened at 7:34 with no action taken

Meeting adjourned at: 7:34PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Leith Templin – Secretary/Treasurer