



“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

08/27/2024

5:00 PM

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

Board Members Present: Leith Templin, Jim Cook, Teri Nigretto, Jim Nelson, Ron Claus, Carol Anderson.

Mike Cleveland present on Zoom.

General Manager, Dan Burke and Cory Harrington as minutes recorder were also present.

Teri Nigretto calls meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Approval of Agenda: July 16 and Aug 23 meeting minutes added

Motion: Jim Nelson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for June 18, 2024

Second: Templin

Discussion: Carol Anderson commented that most of the minutes are all one-sided and that she will vote Nay on all the minutes for June and July.

Vote: Passed 6/1

Aye: Cleveland, Nelson, Templin, Cook, Claus, Nigretto

Nay: Anderson

Motion: Jim Nelson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for July 16, 2024

Second: Michael Cleveland

Discussion:

Vote: Passes

Aye: Clause, Cleveland, Cook, Nigretto, Templin, Nelson

Nay: Anderson

Motion: Jim Nelson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for August 23, 2024

Second: Michael Cleveland

Discussion: Carol Anderson was not present and cannot vote.

Vote: Passed 6/6

Aye: Cleveland, Templin, Nelson, Claus, Cook, Nigretto

PUBLIC COMMENT:

During the public comment period there were many questions ask of the board so instead of the public just stating their comments the board engaged in a question and answer period that lasted until 6:15

Three notable comments/statements

1. EWUA's cannot just become a public taxing water district. State law allows only one district to exist and Eastsound already has one, Eastsound Sewer and Water District.
2. Jim Cook commented that Steve Smith is in full support of the recall and he is helping the minority through the recall process.
3. Teri Nigretto stated that the current Bylaws were created by Steve Smith and some of it is not in compliance with state law. The current board started working on revising them in February and had to pause the process in March to be continued as soon as possible.

Review Contract with Rosario

Motion: Ron Claus made a motion to approve the Washington Water Contract as presented

Second: Cleveland

Discussion:

Vote: Passes unanimously

State Parks On-Call Contract

Motion: Ron Claus made a motion to approve the State Parks On-Call Contract as presented

Second: Cleveland

Discussion:

Vote: Passes unanimously

Treasurers Report

- Co-Bank Terms and process

Motion: Carol Anderson made a motion for the Annual Meeting to be held on November 19th, 2024

Second: Jim Cook

Discussion: Templin thinks that it shouldn't be the same day as a regular meeting because they are already busy enough. She highly recommends that the meetings be separate. Nelson is out of town that day. Claus says we should consider the recall scheduling.

Motion Amendment: To have the Special (Annual) Meeting on November 15th

Second: Ron Claus

Vote: Passes 4 to 3, the annual meeting will be November 15th

Aye: Claus, Nelson, Anderson, Cook

Nay: Templin, Cleveland, Nigretto

Abstain:

Next meeting to take place: September 17th

Meeting adjourned at: 7:03PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Leith Templin – Secretary/Treasurer