



“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
Members' Annual Meeting
Orcas Island Fire Hall Public Meeting Room
November 15, 2024
5:00 PM**

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

Board Members Present: Teri Nigretto, Jim Nelson, Leith Templin, Mike Cleveland, Vaughn Ploeger, Bob Eagan, Katie Sellers and General Manager, Dan Burke

President Teri Nigretto called the meeting to order at 5:13

Secretary Leith Templin restated that the board had hired a company called System Ballots Survey (SBS) to conduct our electronic election. They are the same company that OPALCO uses to conduct their elections. We were very happy with the process and their efficiency. Also, it was less costly to the membership to have them conduct the election than for us to do it with our staff. They communicated with the EWUA staff when they needed assistance and kept the voting process confidential. The election was closed on Wednesday November 13th and I received the results on November 14th. The top three candidates were Jim Nelson, Vaughn Ploeger and Leith Templin. Leith reviewed the process SBS followed and the direct vote ratings and comments that were in the SBS report. There was an 80.7% of very satisfied/satisfied members with the process and 14.9% neutral with the process for a total of 95.6%. The board and staff were very happy with those results and the comments that were included in the report. There were 7 comments with voters being unhappy and mostly they were people with multiple memberships that tried to vote their multiple memberships on one ballot. Voters that called the office for help were able to vote all memberships. We made notes for the next election to see what we can do to correct that confusion.

There will be two more board members appointed to complete the seven-member board. More information on that to follow and a reminder to the membership that it is each member's responsibility to make sure the office has their current information including email and phone. There were a couple of ballots returned for invalid emails.

Public Comment

Dan Burke, General Manager, gave an amazing presentation to the membership on the health and well-being of the water company and staff

Door Prizes Leith and Michael distributed door prizes of gift certificates from EWUA, Woody's at Island Market, Hydro Flask cooler from Island Market, water bottle from Ace Hardware, Glasses, Spirits, and tinctures, from the Barnacle and a dozen brownies.

President Teri Nigretto thanked Katie Sellers and Bob Eagan for their service and for stepping up to help the board until the election.

Teri Nigretto Thanked everybody for coming and adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm

Announcements: There will be no Regular Board meeting next Tuesday the 19th. The next Regular Board meeting will be on December 17, 2024, **at 6:00 pm** at the Orcas Fire Hall. Both January and February's meetings will be held at **6:00 pm** at the Orcas Fire Hall as well. The Fire Commissioners' meetings fall on Monday but when it's a holiday they are moved to Tuesday. The 6:00pm start time will allow a space between meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Leith Templin
Secretary/Treasurer

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