

Minutes of the Board of Water Commissioners

Spokane County Water District No. 3 Office

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order/Confirm Quorum

Attendance: Commissioners: Frank Pierson, Mary Wissink, and Nathan Jeffries

General Manager: Kelly Williquette and Assistant Manager: Justin VanDyke

Necia Maiani: Welch Comer Engineering

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for today's regular meeting was approved as presented. The minutes for the regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 01, 2023, were approved as presented.

Financials

An Expenditure Summary audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date February 08, 2023, the Board by unanimous vote, does approve for payment of the checks included in the above summary and further described as follows: Checks #38370 through #38391 in the total amount of \$160,489.12.

Public Comment

None

Managers' Report

Necia Maiani gave a water rates presentation to the public, expanding on the water rate adjustments that were previously visited in 2019. The presentation covered total revenue and expenses from 2019 through 2022 as well as future projections of revenue and expenses for the next 10 years. The presentation explored several options of adjusting the monthly base rates to cover annual fixed and variable costs, funding capital improvements, replacing depreciated infrastructure, while maintaining the District's reserve goal balance. The presentation also reviewed the affordability of the proposed adjustments and compared them to other purveyors in the area. Last, the District's connection fees were reviewed based on the current Comprehensive Water System Plan update. Upon conclusion of the presentation, there was discussion between the Commissioners on the four rate adjustment options that were presented, annual budgets, cost of inflation, and future improvements. The Board agreed to table the decision until next week's meeting for further consideration.

Open Forum (Board and Staff)

Necia Maiani informed the Board on the latest correspondence between SCWD #3, Whitworth Water, Welch Comer Engineering, and Greenstone Homes regarding their proposed development in Mead.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

There being no other business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Mary Wissink
Frank Pierson