

Minutes of the Board of Water Commissioners

Spokane County Water District No. 3 Office

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order/Confirm Quorum

Attendance: Commissioners: Frank Pierson, Mary Wissink, and Nathan Jeffries ~~(by phone)~~

General Manager: Kelly Williquette and Assistant Manager: Justin VanDyke

Public Participant: Bette Weber

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for today's regular meeting was approved as presented. The minutes for the regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 19, 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 April 26, 2023, the Board by unanimous vote, does approve for payment of the checks included in the above summary and further described as follows: Checks #38505 through #38513 in the total amount of \$23,065.06 and an EFT in the total amount of \$15,559.94 for a total gross expenditure of \$38,625.00.

Public Comment

Bette Weber attended the meeting to discuss a large water bill with the Board and any forgiveness options the District might have. The customer encountered a leak between the time the District quit reading water meters over the winter and began reading them again in the spring. As soon as she received a high water bill, she hired a leak detection company and a contractor to come replace her entire service line from the house to the meter pit. The Board recognizes the substantial benefit to the District's water conservation efforts and protection of a natural resource by the timely repair of the leak. As a compromise and settlement of any potential disputes that may have arisen between the customer and the District, and in recognition of the customer's commitment to water conservation that benefits all District customers, half of the overage amount, a total of 1,056 units of water that resulted from the leak, was agreed unanimously to be forgiven by the Board this one time on the account.

Managers' Report

Resolution 2023-05 revising and establishing uniform water system rates and charges was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Jeffries made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 as presented, Commissioner Pierson seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Open Forum (Board and Staff)

Kelly Williquette updated the Board on how the interviews went last week for the meter reading position and follow up meetings with each applicant are scheduled for this week.

There was discussion about PFAS and the Department of Retirement Systems audit.

Commissioner Pierson and Justin VanDyke informed the Board that they will be absent during next week's regularly scheduled meeting.

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session at 9:25 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss a potential litigation against the District and returned to normal session at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

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

Mary M. Wisniewski
MHW