

Minutes of the Board of Water Commissioners

Spokane County Water District No. 3 Office
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order/Confirm Quorum

Attendance: Commissioners: Frank Pierson, Nathan Jeffries, and Mary Wissink
Assistant Manager: Justin VanDyke
Wolf, Hislop, and Crockett Attorney: Aaron Dunham

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for today's regular meeting was approved as presented. The minutes for the regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 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 September 20, 2023, the Board by unanimous vote, does approve for payment of the checks included in the above summary and further described as follows: Checks #38765 through #38778 in the total amount of \$127,489.93 and an EFT in the total amount of \$33,017.88 for a total gross expenditure of \$160,507.81. Also, payroll for the first half of September including check #7805 in the total amount of \$140.86 and EFT's in the total amount of \$59,126.50 for a total gross payroll of \$59,267.36.

Public Comment

None

Managers' Report

Aaron Dunham discussed with the Board the class action lawsuit against Dupont and 3M regarding PFAS and PFOA contamination of water systems, deadlines, phasing, and settlement options. Upon discussion, it was recommended that the District expedite water sampling outside of EPA's sampling schedule so results are available in determining if the District wants to participate in the settlement, and to present the results during the class action settlement. Commissioner Pierson made a motion for the District to independently fund water sampling of Systems 3 and 4 at the EPA's testing level, Commissioner Jeffries seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Aaron Dunham updated the Board on other pending lawsuits that could impact the District through their rulings.

Open Forum (Board and Staff)

Justin VanDyke informed the Board that our construction crew is starting another pipe project in Mead this week to replace some aging steel main on second avenue and abandon another section of steel main in an alley with limited access.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

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

Mary Wissink
Nathan Jeffries by
telephone