

Minutes of the Board of Water Commissioners

Spokane County Water District No. 3 Office

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order/Confirm Quorum

Attendance: Commissioners: Frank Pierson and Mary Wissink

Assistant Manager: Justin VanDyke and Water District Attorney: Aaron Dunham

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for today's regular meeting was approved as presented. The Board approved corrections to the October 04, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. The minutes for the regular meeting held on Wednesday, October 11, 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 October 18, 2023, the Board by unanimous vote, does approve for payment of the checks included in the above summary and further described as follows: Checks #38821 through #38833 in the total amount of \$12,250.41. Also, payroll for the first half of October including check #7826 in the total amount of \$140.86 and EFT's in the total amount of \$57,172.90 for a total gross payroll of \$57,313.76.

Public Comment

None

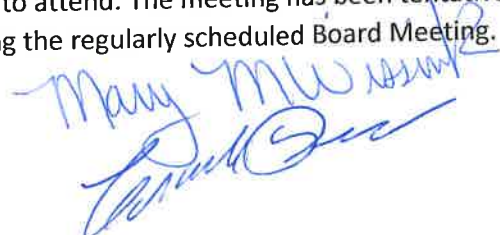
Managers' Report

Aaron Dunham attended the meeting to discuss the PFAS settlement with the Board. In summary, if PFAS was detected in the water system prior to June 1st, 2023 the District would enter into phase 1 of the settlement requiring claim form submittals soon. Since the District doesn't have positive PFAS detection samples to date, the District will be automatically included in phase 2 of the settlement where claim forms aren't due until January 2026. Meaning that if the District has a positive sample result between now and the deadline, it would be able to submit a claim against the class action lawsuit unless we chose to opt out of the lawsuit by December 2023. The attorney's recommendation is to remain in the lawsuit to be eligible for future claims in the event the District received a positive result. This was due to the fact that settlement funds have been set aside in a trust right now which are protected from bankruptcy and prevent the District's need to individually sue 3M and Dupont at a later date.

Open Forum (Board and Staff)

Aaron Dunham updated the Board on City of Spokane Valley's decision to start invoicing water purveyors for utility adjustments on certain road construction funding and the State's concern with gifting of public funds. Aaron suggested a meeting between the purveyors and the City's attorney to discuss options to remedy, followed by discussion.

Justin VanDyke informed the Board that we had a pre-audit kickoff meeting last week and the State Auditors Office would like to set up a risk assessment meeting with one of the Commissioners prior to the audit beginning. Commissioner Wissink, as being current chair, will be the delegate to attend. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday October 25th at 9:30 a.m. concluding the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.



Executive Session

None

Adjournment

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