Regular Business Meeting of July 17, 2023

Commissioner Lora Petso called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Also in attendance were John Elsasser, Fanny Yee, Bob Danson, and Billy Ward. Kelly Boswell attended telephonically.

ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Danson will update the Board on legislative issues. Mr. Ward added a staffing update.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Sign the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023
- b) Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2023
- c) Approve the Maintenance Vouchers #23-385 through #23-417 for \$163,524.79
- d) Approve the Capital Voucher #23-418 for \$6,882.50

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda

Moved: Fanny Yee

Second: John Elsasser

Passed: Unanimously approved

Noel Treat was telephoned to join the meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Communications Contract – T-Mobile

The following changes were made via the Board:

- Liquidated damages changed from \$300 to \$500.
- Notice and cure period was defined to be 10 days.
- EPR was defined as Effective Radiated Power, which is a study of radio-frequency.
- In the case of an emergency, temporary structures will be allowed upon District approval.

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Action:

Motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the T-Mobile

contract per the changes.

Moved:

Lora Petso

Second:

John Elsasser

Passed:

Unanimously approved

b) Edmonds CARA Update

The Board was briefed on the ongoing efforts of the City of Edmonds planning staff to update the Edmonds CARA Code. District staff is working with City staff in this effort to emphasize what is needed in this Code update to protect the District's Watershed and Wellhead Protection Areas.

c) Woodway Annexation

A draft has been received with the addition that Olympic View is the water and sewer provider for the area. There is no public hearing and Woodway is nearing the deadline.

Noel Treat left the meeting.

- d) Government Relations Committee Update
 - There has been talk about teaming up with AWC (Association of Washington Cities) regarding the utility tax issue. WASWD is further investigating the issues before taking more action.
 - Updating the municipal water law policy for 2030. Ecology told WASWD that there won't be any changes for 2030, so WASWD will be watching this closely.
 - Report on Federal activity PFAS exemption from the CERCLA for utilities. USEPA, a legislative committee, and WASWD are concerned that utilities can get caught up in liability issues, because they are not excluding the passive receivers of PFAS coming in.
 - The biosolids bill from the state legislature is back and will be showing up again in the next session.
 - The bid limit increase bill is under attack. Contractors are not in support of this bill.

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ADMINISTRATION SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

a) HB 1329 – Utility Shut-offs During a Heat Advisory

This new bill goes into effect July 23, 2023. Mandatory language needs to go on shut-off and past due notices informing customers of this new bill. The bill only applies to residential customers. A customer may contact the District and ask to have their water restored during a heat advisory. But once the advisory is lifted, the District may shut them back off if they haven't paid or made a payment arrangement.

Action:

Motion to approve the implementation of HB 1329 and bring

back the Billing Policy with for approval.

Moved:

Lora Petso

Second:

Fanny Yee

Passed:

Unanimously approved

OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Staffing Update

An employee has given notice, his last day is August 4, 2023.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

There was no commissioner report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, August 7, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Transcribed by Anne Backstrom

APPROVED

Lora Petso, President

Fanny Yee, Vice-President

John Elsasser, Secretary