



Eastsound Water Users Association Board Meeting

1/16/2024

A meeting of the EWUA Board was convened at 5:00pm Tuesday January 16, 2024.

Location – Orcas Senior Center

Attending were the following directors and GM Dan Burke.

IN PERSON

- Carol Ann Anderson
- Teri Nigretto
- Jim Nelson
- Leith Templin
- Mike Cleveland

ON ZOOM

- Jim Cook
- Ron Claus

President Nigretto calls to Order and submits amendment to the Agenda to open up for Public Comment

Motion: Nelson move to approve Dec. 5, 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Second: Cleveland

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: All in favor that can vote (Templin and Cook ineligible)

Welcome new Board Members Leith Templin and Jim Cook

Nigretto opens for public comment:

Michael Riordan – has 3 proposals:

1. Split secretary and treasurer into two positions
 2. Establish a finance committee
 3. Follow Robert's Rules of Order to the letter
- Michael presents a gavel to the chairperson Teri

Poke Hafner – Asked about the odor from her faucet at her home in Wild Rose. Dan Burke advised that one of the operators would be checking this out.



Public Comments closed.

Cook Question: When would we (the board) have discussion about the recommendations from the community?

Nigretto: Nelson will address that question when he covers his Agenda item later in this meeting.

Member Requests:

1. OPAL Kidder Way IU Upgrade + 7IU

Motion: Templin move to approve as proposed

Second: Cleveland

Vote: All in favor except Cook who abstains

2. Gudgell Properties LL, 5 New Membership Request with total of 6 IU

Motion: Nelson move to approve as proposed

Second: Templin

Vote: All in favor except Cook who abstains

3. Brandt's Landing CERT review for 1.75 IU to cover commercial and residential.

Motion: Anderson move to approve as proposed

Second: Cleveland

Vote: All in favor except Cook who abstains

4. Coyle New Membership Request with 1 IU

Motion: Anderson move to approve as proposed

Second: Cleveland

Vote: All in favor with Cook abstains

BOARD UPDATES

Bylaws – Nelson

- EWUA had two meetings in September and October to review draft Bylaws. The board received some comments from the membership. However, progress was stopped due to upcoming election. Using the existing redlined bylaws and the collected comments a committee has been established to prepare a final draft document for board and membership review. This committee will include Jim Nelson, Leith Templin and Joe Cohen and the EWUA legal counsel. This updated draft bylaw document will be sent out to the membership for review allowing 10 days for comment. Once comments are considered, then the EWUA Board will



vote to approve the new By-laws. The scheduled target for this process is the February board meeting on February 20, 2024.

Budget – Anderson & Burke

- Budget is well underway. Dan Burke and Carol Anderson are working on a proposed budget to be presented to the board.

Employee Handbook – Claus & Burke

- Ron Claus and Dan Burke are currently working on the Employee Handbook. This handbook will provide instructions to the employees on their responsibilities working at EWUA and EWUA's responsibilities to the employees.

DAN BURKE GM REPORT TO THE BOARD 6:07 PM

Nigretto - close regular meeting 6:31 PM. The group adjourned into Executive Session.

Nigretto – board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 pm and announced that she and Jim will meet with Dan to do his annual review.

Minutes by Cory Harrington