



Eastsound Water Users Association Board Meeting

2/13/2024

A meeting of the EWUA Board was convened at 5:00pm Tuesday February 13, 2024.

Location – Orcas Senior Center, Minutes by Cory Harrington

Attending were the following directors and GM Dan Burke.

IN PERSON

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

ON ZOOM

- **Jim Cook**

Called to Order 5:00pm

Two Membership Requests were added to the Agenda.

Motion: Templin – motion to accept the minutes from 1/16/24

Second: Cleveland

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor unanimously

MEMBER REQUESTS:

#1

Member: Haven Rd. LLC

Address: 111 Westervelt Ave. (Not 107 Haven Rd)

TPN: 271460021000

Land Use: VR 4-12 units/acre



ID: 1041001

Meter: 04-1410

Existing Membership: Good standing w/1.0 IU

Request: + 3.0 IU Upgrade

Staff Recommendation: Approve + 3.0 IU Upgrade Request at Purchase Cost of \$43,500. Anticipate CERT update from Water Cert approved July 2023 for remodel, no additional dwelling units @ 1.0 IU to total 4 IU, multi-residential development.

Motion: Cleveland moves to approve as proposed

Second: Templin

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor unanimously

#2

Member: Holly Anderson

Address: 74 Echo Bay Dr.

TPN: 271253017000

ID: 1004201

Meter: 08-0071

Existing Membership: Good standing w/1.5 IU

Request: Refund in the amount of \$7,295 for the purchase of 0.5 IU Upgrade intended for ADU paid March 2, 2023. Plans to build the ADU are cancelled.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend full refund contingent on updating the Water Certificate approval for building permit from 1.5 IU to 1.0 IU.

Motion: Anderson to moves approve as proposed

Second: Claus

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor unanimously



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments heard from; 1) Michael Riordan to bring up the same items he discussed at the last meeting, 2) Robert Austin regarding manager and board and operational efficiencies related to billing reduction. Board discussion followed, 3) Bob Eagan commented on ADU language and county regulation, 4) Rick Boucher regarding meeting schedules compared to ESWD meeting schedule, and 5) Robert Austin again regarding 990's, which Nigretto informed Austin that this year's 990 would be on regular schedule.

BOARD UPDATES

Nelson – Current Condition of Bylaws

Before the holidays we had two member engagement meetings where the draft was provided. We've continued to work on those with the board, members, and the attorney. Now we're at the point where we want to revisit this to complete the project. The bylaws require that the board agrees to move that along at which time it would be sent out again to all the members before the board makes any final decisions. That's where we're at right now.

What has happened, Joe Cohen put together a summary of changes and it's Jim's suggestion that this be included with the draft that goes out to the members. That's the plan.

Discussion proceeded around the next steps to finalize with the attorney to get the plan to the membership for the 10-day comments period. Nelson will review Cook's comment about the process in the Articles of Incorporation.

BUDGET

Anderson and Burke are amending the 2024 budget and working on the 2025 budget. Burke has prioritized the 2025 budget work.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Nigretto requested that Burke finish up the work on the handbook to review with staff and then bring it back to the board. There is no timeframe on that.

DAN BURK BOARD REVIEW PACKET

The freeze caused catastrophic damage all over the island. We had a whole system go down for a while. Both residents and distribution took a hard hit.

Clark Well is ready to submit a building permit application.

Hilltop tank needs to be finished after weather delay.

Aviator project has been completed.

Meeting adjourned 6:32pm