



Eastsound Water Users Association Board Meeting

3/19/2024

A meeting of the EWUA Board was convened at 5:00pm Tuesday March 19, 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

ON ZOOM

- Jim Cook

ABSENT

- Ron Claus

President Nigretto to Order at 5:00PM and opens meeting for additions or modifications to the Agenda.

Carol wishes to make a statement. Teri asked her to wait until the minutes were approved.

First on the agenda is to approve prior minutes.

Carol passes out an envelope to the board to request a recall of board members and states that Jim Cook, Ron Claus, and Carol Anderson request removal of board members Teri Nigretto, Jim Nelson, and Leith Templin.

Member calls Point of Order to review his member request.

Teri directs member to come back to the next meeting.

Carol finishes reading her petition and passes the floor to Jim Cook.

Jim Cook explains his thoughts and states that he supports Carol and her petition.

Carol proposes that the next action should be to hold a meeting of the members to discuss a recall and that there is also a lawsuit pending.



Leith addresses the petition and other open issues with the board.

Motion: Carol makes a motion to disperse the bylaws in their current format, as accepted by the board, be sent out as soon as possible for members to review.

Second: Leith

Discussion: Leith would like to make a friendly amendment.

Leith sent out a new Article V and wants to know if the board would like to replace the current Article V with her new Article V.

Member asks if his request is in fact already in the bylaws. His request is for ALL meetings to be open to the members and states that this is not currently a policy.

Jim states that we are either in Executive Session or Open Meeting and “working meetings”, which were created by Carol, should not be practiced.

Carol Accepts Friendly Amendment

Vote: All present vote in favor

The bylaws will be sent out with the new Article V amendment for the membership to review.

Dan suggests that the meeting focus on the financial presentation with the remaining time.

Nigretto initiates the financial review handing the floor to Carol.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Carol states that the financial reports are accurate and acceptable. She would like to see the financials issued to the members as required by the Bylaws and state law. The balance sheet, and the actuals vs the budget.

Motion: Carol makes a motion to issue the balance sheet and P&L to the membership in accordance with the bylaws and state law.

With clarification, to include all columns and details of Balance Sheet and Revenues with Comparison to Budget that were provided to the Board.

Second: Jim Cook

Discussion: Dan requests clarity of which detail.

Carol thinks it can go out just as it is.

Leith thinks it would be prudent to send to the CPA prior to releasing to the membership.

Dan states that there are 2 CPA's, one that has seen this information and one that is the Tax Accountant.

Vote: Mike abstains, Teri no, Cook yes, Nelson yes, Carol yes, Leith yes. Majority passes the motion.



Motion: Carol makes a motion that the financial documents, P&L and Balance sheet, provided to the board should be provided to the CPA Tax Accountant for review.

Second: Nelson

Vote: All in favor who are present

BUDGET

Budget discussion is postponed until next month.

President calls for 10-minute break at 6:26PM to return at 6:36PM

Meeting adjourns at 6:37PM

Teri states that the staff should take the meeting minutes.

Carol responds saying that she uses the staff minutes to prepare her personal minutes and that thinks her minutes are fine. She was under the impression that there were no meeting minutes other than hers provided in the board packets.

Multiple board members state that they were attached to the board packets. Carol didn't see them. The fact is that the minutes were already approved.

Motion: Leith moves that staff member minutes for February be used for board approval.

Second: Nelson

Discussion: Group compare Carol's minutes to staff minutes

Public comment supports the concern of exposure to naming names in meeting minutes.

Vote: Leith yes, Cook no, Nelson yes, Cleveland yes, Carol no, Teri yes

Passed, we are using staff minutes.

Motion: Cleveland moves to adjourn

Second: Leith

Vote: all in favor

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

Special Meeting TBA for Bylaw review

Regular session adjourned at 7:16PM

Executive Session: To discuss legal matters

Resume Regular Session

The board agrees that Nigretto, Nelson, Templin, and Anderson will all have a phone conversation with Rochelle Doyea, EWUA attorney, to discuss the pending lawsuit this week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM