



Eastsound Water Users Association Special Board Meeting

04/02/2024

A meeting of the EWUA Board was convened at 5:00pm Tuesday April 2, 2024.

Location – Orcas Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room, Minutes by Cory Harrington

Attending were the following directors and GM Dan Burke.

IN PERSON

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

ON ZOOM

- Mike Cleveland

ABSENT

- Jim Cook

President Nigretto brings meeting to Order at 5:00PM.

Commence review of the Bylaws that have been presented to the Members.

Nelson explains the process of Bylaw update history up until now.

Nigretto states that 11 (<1%) people responded to the opportunity to comment on the Bylaw changes.

There is a question of whether 3% or 10% of the membership should be able to change the Bylaws and what number is appropriate for the Bylaw changes.

Public comment says they don't understand how 10% of the membership can change the Bylaws. They don't find that language in the Bylaws.

Claus, Anderson, Nelson, Templin, Nigretto, and Burke each comment about the Bylaw process, existing and proposed in discussion with the public members.

Motion: Claus – Motion to have a special meeting, prior to April 16, to review the Bylaws line by line so they can hopefully pass the vote on the 16th.

Second: Nelson



Discussion: Anderson is requesting to postpone passing the Bylaws so that she can proceed with her recall. Board members discuss scheduling.

Vote: All in favor who are present. Motion passes.

The Board decided to re-open the member comment period for the Bylaw draft. Burke committed to emailing the membership that night with the notice. All comments would be accepted up until 5PM on Tuesday April 4, 2024 prior to the next Special Meeting.

The Board also decided to hold Special Meeting Friday 4/5/23 at location to be determined to continue the Bylaw review. Anderson requests to be put on the Agenda for April 16. Templin states that Anderson has recused herself from the lawsuit and that she should be absent from the executive session.

Motion Cleveland – Motion to remove Anderson from the position of the Secretary/Treasurer

Second: Nelson

Discussion: Prior to second, Claus comments that there is a member absent, and he would like the whole Board to be present to make this decision.

Templin states concern for the Charles Schwab account that Anderson tried to open.

Nelson states that this Secretary/Treasurer position is a lot of responsibility and that the Bylaw changes are intended to split it up.

Claus states that Anderson is calling for a membership recall, not her personally trying to recall the board.

Anderson states that she is going through with a recall one way or another.

Vote: Ron no, Anderson no, Templin yes, Nelson yes, Nigretto yes. Majority vote is that Anderson is no longer the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

Special Board meeting April 5, 2024, location TBD

Regular session adjourned to Executive Session at 6:33 PM

Executive Session: To discuss legal matters.

Carol Anderson was excused because of her conflict of interest with the lawsuit and the pending recall.

Dan Burke was asked to attend.

Open Meeting resumes at 7:03PM

Motion: Cleveland motion to elect Templin to be new Secretary/Treasurer

Second: Nelson

Friendly amendment: Make this appointment of Leith until the bylaws are passed

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes unanimously that Leith is the new Secretary/Treasurer

Board agreed that Jim Nelson will be the point person for the lawsuit with Rochelle Doyea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM