



“Eastsound Water Users Association is a service-oriented association whose goal is to utilize all available resources to ensure that an adequate and consistent supply of safe, reliable, and palatable water is provided to its members”

## **Eastsound Water Users Association Regular Board Meeting**

Orcas Island Fire Hall Public Meeting Room  
1/21/2025  
5:30 PM

The meeting was held in person at the Orcas Island Fire Department public meeting room.

**Board Members Present:** Teri Nigretto, Jim Nelson, Leith Templin, Mike Cleveland (Zoom/person).  
Vaughan Ploeger, Mike Speece, Chris Madison and General Manager, Dan Burke

**President Teri Nigretto** called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

### **Additions to Agenda**

Wally Gudgell proposal added to the agenda after the election of officers

### **Public Comment**

Michael Readon reported that he was interested in someone forming an emergency fire protocol group and Patty Miller asked for more communication about the capitol budget and 2025 budget.

### **Minute approval**

**Motion:** Jim Nelson: I move to accept December 17, 2024, as presented

**Second:** Mike Speece

**Motion:** Unanimously approved

### **Election of Officers**

**Motion:** Leith Templin: I move to nominate Teri Nigretto as President, Jim Nelson as Vice President, Leith Templin and Secretary and Michael Cleavland as Treasurer for 2025.

**Second:** Jim Nelson

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

### **Wally Gudgell Proposal**

Wally is asking the board to give our GM the authority to approve his proposal, which is in conflict with our current policy.

**Motion:** Leith Templin: I move that we do not approve a variance for Wally Gudgell’s building project.

**Second:** Chris Madison

**Vote:** Unanimously to not approve a variance



## **GM Board Report**

Dan delivered his report.

Dan reviewed the Gibson's from North Beach Inn membership status. They have requested to add 1 IU to their existing membership.

**Motion:** Chris Madison: I move to accept the request from the Gibson's at North Beach Inn to purchase an additional 1 IU for their North Beach Inn property.

**Second:** Jim Nelson:

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## **Clark Well update**

**Motion:** Leith Templin authorizes Dan Burke to draw up to \$500,000 from now until April 1 for the Clark Well project from the Co-Bank loan.

**Second:** Mike Speece

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Jim Nelson:** I move to have Joel Paisner (our attorney) review the construction contract for the Clark Well Project before he signs the contract and for Dan to review and sign the Bower Bird contract and bid.

**Second:** Vaughan Ploeger

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## **Budget discussion**

The board decided that we should have a budget discussion meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at 12:00-1:00 in the Reddick Room to work on the budget with Dan. During the discussion It was also clear that a rate increase for 2025 was needed. After further discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** Chris Madison: I moved to raise the base rate by \$2.00 and the consumption rate by \$2.00 not increasing the minimum base and to increase the IU purchase price by \$500 so increase the purchase price from \$14,500 to \$15,000.

**Second:** Mike Speece

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## **Announcements**

Special Budget Board Meeting for Wednesday, January 29 at 12:00-1:00 in the Reddick Room to work on the budget with Dan. So, it is recommended that the board members study the budget and bring their questions to that meeting for discussion so we can present the budget at the February meeting for approval.

**Next Regular meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Orcas Fire Department Community Room at 5:30pm**



**Teri Nigretto adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Leith Templin  
Secretary