



“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

June 17, 2025

5:00 PM

Orcas Island Fire Hall Public Meeting Room

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 (arrived 5:38pm), Vaughan Ploeger, Chris Madison (Zoom), Mike Speece and General Manager, Dan Burke.

President Teri Nigretto called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Additions to the Agenda

An Executive Session for 15 minutes was added after OPAL discussion

Public Comment

Lisa Byers made a request about the MUD board policy. She discussed the points in her letter that she sent to the board. This basically has to do with individual meters off master meters and how they are billed. Voting privileges were also discussed and the differences between all the OPAL properties. It will be discussed further later in the agenda.

Minute approval

Motion: Jim Nelson moved that the May 20th Regular Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented

Second: Mike Speece seconded the motion

Approved

Board Business

Meeting Time Change

The board again discussed the potential time change for our regular meetings. We have asked for feedback in changing the meeting time from 5pm to 3pm starting in September. We will post on our website asking for feedback and discussed doing a survey to the membership with the hope of getting more feedback.

Policy Update Committee

President Teri Nigretto appointed Chris Madison, Jim Nelson and Leith Templin to the committee to study the MUD policy and how it effects the OPAL projects and all other multiuse MUD policy holders. Chris agreed to chair the committee. In addition to the MUD policy, reviewing new policies like the Good Neighbor policy, and reviewing existing policies in place may be included in the scope of this committee.

GM Board Report

Dan delivered his report.

Highlights

Department of Health (DOH) is undergoing significant restructuring from a regional to horizontal service model due to budget cuts and staff losses. What this means to us is that we will not have a regional manager delegated to SJC as in the past. This could have a severe impact on us because of our many nuances from the main land so getting an engineer to review and work on our project who has no background about SJC could greatly delay our work in the future.

Teri made a motion to direct Dan Burke to write a letter to the various entities in support of keeping our regional managers on the state level of ODW restructuring concerns. All board members agreed. Dan will post this information the web site.

Fircroft Water System consolidation opportunity presented. They have 19 connections and was originally built in the 1980's. Further information is needed.

Clark Well project progressing with underground preparation complete, foundation work scheduled for July. Building design includes 26x16 foot print to accommodate emergency chlorine delivery scenarios.

Discussion of Lisa's Proposal and if other board members had any questions for the committee to research. The committee needs to go back and research the differences between all the OPAL Projects. Who has CCR's that speak to the voting rights, which ones have full memberships and which ones have one membership and multiple ERU's. We need to understand all the nuances of each neighborhood so we can look at our current policy and By Laws and create a standard going forward and thoroughly understand and give accurate information to all current OPAL Projects.

Executive Session started at 6:36 pm and returned at 7pm

No action taken from the Executive Session

Teri Nigretto adjourned the meeting at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Leith Templin
Secretary