



*“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

May 20, 2025

5:00 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, Vaughan Ploeger, Chris Madison absent, Mike Speece and General Manager, Dan Burke.

**President Teri Nigretto** called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Minute approval**

**Motion:** Mike Speece moves to approve the April Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented

**Second:** Jim Nelson seconded

**Approved**

### **Board Business**

#### **Meeting time change**

The consideration of changing the time of monthly meetings to 3pm was discussed. Leith asked that we post it on web site to allow the membership to make comments. Thinking that if we change to 3pm it would not take effect until September. Teri will put it on the agenda next month.

#### **Member request**

**SEAN DEMERITT** asked about a special hook up fee for his new develop. Currently he has one meter that feeds all three of his buildings. We currently have a product called the Multiple Unit Direct Billing Program (MUD) that we charge \$8 per individual meter per month, that are downstream of the master meter, and we bill the individual for the amount of water that they use, however, the developer is ultimately responsible for the main meter usage. This is explained in Section 5 of our operating rules. Leith spoke to issue about voting

**rights. According to our policy the voting right goes to the developer not the tenants with the submeters. We need to look into having an agreement to memorialize this understanding.**

**Motion:** Leith moved to make a motion approve SEAN DEMERITT for a Multiple Unit Direct billing program (MUD).

**Second:** Mike Speece

**Approved**

## **GM Board Report**

Dan delivered his report.

### **Highlights.**

Continued discussion of the MUD program with Lisa Byers, OPAL request. Discussion about \$8 fee for individual billing. Is this the correct amount? Does it need to be more? More information is needed to develop the details about multi-unit development customers.

Good Neighbor Policy – our attorney is requesting more information so we can review at the next meeting.

Employee Handbook – is still working through the review process.

DOH asked us to submit for a grant for a consolidation grant. The application was sent in by the deadline. The timeline is 4-6 months to hear back. This is to research the consolidation of the Washington Water System at Rosario as well as any other nearby water system willing to undertake consolidation. After the application was sent in Eagle Ridge and Fir Croft are also encouraged in joining in with Eastsound Water. These two smaller systems are feeling the pressure of new regulations and are interested in exploring their option. We need more information about a relationship with these groups and this grant will allow us to do that. We are under no obligation to accept.

Clark Well had a slow start with the excavation because Island Excavation is under staffed. Will update in June.

Blanchard Shop generator needed to be moved to comply with country regulations.

The 990 was extended to November so we will discuss in June.

Union task is to provide information that Dan is working on to send in to them. They are asking for a lot of information about benefits and salaries and other things.

New CPA is working out well.

The board went into Executive Session and when they return there will not be any action taken except to adjourn.

## **Teri Nigretto adjourned the meeting at 7pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Leith Templin

Secretary