



“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

July 22, 2025

5:00 PM

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

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

Vice President Jim Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Additions to the Agenda

Added: New Member Application, SBS Contract and Executive Session at 6:30pm

Public Comment

Asked about updating the approved minutes soon after the monthly meeting. More info posted on web site for rates for multi-unit properties. Asking for more information on web site. Asked when the income/expenses for 2024 will be posted on the web site. Zoom meeting update. Union update

Minute approval

Motion: Michael Cleavland moved to approve the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Second: Vaughan Ploeger

Approved

Board Business

New Member Application: 220 Geer Lane-William Beach

Motion: Leith Templin moved to approve the new member application for William Beach

Second: Chris Madison

Approved

1. Dan posted a survey to ask the membership if they would be in favor of an earlier time and we have had 1 response in favor. Dan will send an email to the membership.
2. Orcas Island Parks and Rec have a draft lease with EWUA and the new contract has been reviewed by our lawyer. The lease is paid up to date and the new lease will renew for another 10 years at \$4,000 annual payment for leasing out well rights. There was a change in ownership from the School to O.I. Parks and

Rec. That was the major change. EWUA has these water rights to the well on the park property and one way to preserve these rights is that they must be in use so this is a good arrangement between us and the parks department. It's possible that, the parks department does not have enough water rights to maintain the park. Also, this will allow the ability to study the aquifer in Eastsound. We now have the monitoring tools in place to achieve that.

Motion: Michael Cleavland moved to have Dan Burke share the new contract with the Orcas Island Parks and /Rec Board for their review.

Second: Chris Madison

Approved

Bob Eagan will bring the contract to next month's meeting in August for signatures.

SBS Contract

Dan and Leith will review the contract and will email the board for their authorization to sign if needed before the next month's meeting.

GIS DATA

Sharing GIS data with the sewer district.

Dan asked for an agreement to be created between EWUA, Eastsound Sewer, OI Fire to deal with warrantees, privacy issues and sharing reasonable uses of the shared data.

Motion

Chris Madison: moved to create a draft agreement that would outline the terms for sharing information with Eastsound Sewer and Water and Orcas Island Fire.

Second: Michael Cleavland

Approved

GM Board Report

Dan delivered his report

Several items have already been discussed earlier

Highlights

Clark Well

Builder on site. The foundation forms have been completed. Pouring the foundation with approval from the county happens tomorrow and contractors start the stem walls on Monday. They have 4 or 5 workers on site continuing to complete the project.

Mark Sieler and Brad Seip passed their tests and now are considered to be level 1 operators.

Committee Report

Jim Nelson reported that the subcommittee to research the master meter/multi unit's questions that were raised by Lisa Byers met and are continuing to research this very complex question. According to our Bylaws where there is one tax parcel that gives the property owner one vote. Now, we have multiple impact units on a single tax parcel and we need to review these multiple buildouts and look at differences between them all so we can go forward in an equitable way that is fair to current members and future members.

Jim Nelson adjourned to Executive Session at 6:11pm

Jim Nelson adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leith Templin

Secretary