



“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  
December 16, 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, Vaughan Ploeger, Chris Madison, Mike Speece (absent) and Madeline Danielson, and General Manager, Dan Burke. James Childress CPA by zoom

**President Teri Nigretto** called the meeting to order at 5:10pm

### **Additions to the Agenda**

Meeting times added after approval of minutes and discussion of starting time for March  
Moving public comment to after GM’s Report  
Appointment of officer’s will follow next  
Executive Session at 6:30 for 30 minutes with no action to be taken

### **Public Comment**

#### **Appointment of Officers**

**Motion:** Vaughn moved to approve President Teri Nigretto, Vice President Jim Nelson, Treasurer Chis Madison, and Secretary Leith Templin,

**Second:** Chris Madison

**Approved unanimously**

### **Minute approval**

**Motion:** Jim Nelson moved to approved the October 21, 2025 regular board meeting

**Second:** Vaughn Ploeger

**Approved**

**Motion:** Vaughan Ploeger moved to approved the December 18, 2025 Annual meeting

**Second:** Leith Templin

**Approved**

**Teri welcomed our new board member Madeline Danielson.**

## **Board Business**

Secretary informed the board that our January and February meetings need to be moved to 5:30pm because of the Fire Department meeting moved to Tuesday because Monday is a holiday.

The OIPRD (Orcas Island Parks and Rec Dist.) draft contract is still being reviewed by their board. This is a 10 year contract renewal. We hope to hear from them before our next meeting.

## **Double Hill Road**

Jim Nelson reviewed the proposal of a maintenance agreement with the property owners of Double Hil Road. Our water tank is located at the top of this road. We are being asked to pay 19% of the cost of the maintenance. We have never participated in a permanent agreement before and have paid maintenance on some roads that we use. They are asking for \$30,000 from the group in initial repairs costs and estimated \$10,000 per year for ongoing maintenance. A point was made that if we enter into a permanent agreement that it be stated that the two properties that are refusing to participate if the properties sell that the new owners have to participate. The boards needs some more information before to make a decision can be made. Jim will meet with some of the owners and get information to our board members. There are about 41 property owners that our tank serves.

## **GM Board Report**

Dan delivered his report. Highlights below:

**Budget:** We are always working with a two-year budget cycle. Our CPA, James Childress was on Zoom to explain and review our current numbers. We learned that James has worked with a water utility our size before over a 10-year period. He also spent 2-years as their interim CFO. In addition, James has Cselle experience and was a full-time auditor for the first 10-years of his career. We only have estimates for the end of the year so when we can finalize these numbers for 2025 and fine tune our budget numbers. The numbers presented will change. Mr Childress gave an extensive review of the budget and budget process.

## **Policy Committee Update**

**Conflict of Interest policy** was emailed to the Board for review and we will continue our discussion next month.

## **Good Neighbor Policy**

**Motion:** Leith Templin moved to approved the Good Neighbor Policy

**Second:** Chris Madison

**Approved:** 5-1

## **Public discussion**

There were several members that asked questions. The board will review their questions and concerns.

Next meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Eastsound Fire Hall at 5:30pm **Note: Time Change**

Teri Nigretto closed the public meeting at 6:30pm and announced the board would enter executive session. No action will be taken when the board returns.

## **Teri reconvened the public meeting and adjourned at 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Leith Templin  
Secretary