"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
August 18, 2026
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, Vaughn Ploeger, Chris Madison (Zoom), Mike Speece and Madeline Danielson, (absent) and General Manager, Dan Burke (Absent)

President Teri Nigretto called the meeting to order at 5:11pm

Additions to the Agenda

Executive Session

Public Comment

About 15 people were present

Fred Klien presented questions that were printed in the Orcasonian. A board member responded that many of the questions had been answered in last month's regular meeting.

Minute approval

Motion: Mike Speece moves to accept the June 16, 2026 minutes as presented
Second: Vaughn Ploeger
Approved Unanimously

President Teri Nigretto commented that the July 21, 2026 meeting was cancelled so no minutes to present.

Board Business

GM Board Report

Teri wanted to remind members and encourage them to sign up for Eye On Water if they have not already. She had a break this weekend and because of Eye On Water she received a leak alert email and was able to shut her water off and get it taken care of quickly. Also, she mentioned for members to take a look at the new dashboard that shows water levels and other data points that show you in real time what our system is doing. Dan complied from all the different reports that the staff are using on a daily basic into this dashboard so you can see an overall picture of our system. Nicely done Dan. This will be extremely helpful now and into the future.

Dan was ill so Teri Nigretto read though his report

Highlights: The Union Contact was signed and we officially have a Union.

> **Motion:** Jim Nelson moves to approve Leith Templin and Dan Burke to sign the System Ballots Service SBS) contract for the Board Elections for 2026
> **Second**: Chris Madison
> **Unanimous**

Dan was requesting board action on the transfer of the billing system from Caselle to CUSI. Even though there was previous discussion the board had more questions for Dan and so we will delay the motion.

Dan requested board approval of the new Financial Assistance Program and the two options.

> **Motion:** Leith Templin moves to approve the \$5/month for 85 customers program (\$5,100 annually for yr 1)
> **Second:** Mike Speece
> **Abstention**: Chris Madison
> Passed

Main Street Road, where the water leak was this Spring, was repaired before July 4th weekend**.**
Clark Well
Work continues on the building. During the past 60 days a new garage door and front door was installed, ATE C filter, interior septic system and the exterior trim, all have been completed.

Teri Nigretto announced that she was closing the public portion of the meeting at 5:56pm, to go into Executive Session. No action will be taken
Teri Nigretto resumed the public meeting and immediately adjourned at a 7pm.
Next meeting September 15, 2026
Respectfully submitted,

Leith Templin

***** June 29, 2026*****

Email
The board had a motion before them that Leith Templin moved to approve a 10% increase to our existing rates and to launch the assistance program as soon as it is available. It was passed unanimously by the entire board.

****August 28, 2026*****
Email
Dan Burke requested to approve a 1.75 upgrade for the new OPAL Project where the new food bank will be housed. Teri Nigretto moved to approve the request from OPAL for an upgrade to a 1.75 for the Food Bank building project at Pea Patch. It was passed unanimously by the entire board.

**Because of the urgency for the organization, both of the above motions were both passed unanimously by the board outside of their regular meeting schedule.