



JOINT  
WATER OPERATING BOARD  
and  
BEACON HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
MEETING

August 23, 2022 3:00 P.M.

Zoom/C& ED Conference Room  
Longview City Hall  
1525 Broadway, Longview, WA 98632

## **MINUTES**

Present: Water Operating Board  
Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District: Dell Hillger - Chairman (Representative);  
Longview: Ruth Kendall (Representative); Mike Wallin (Representative)

Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District Board  
Dell Hillger, General Manager

Longview Staff present: Ken Hash, Public Works Director; Karl Enyeart Engineer; Brian Steveson, Utilities Manager; Thomas Daly, Filter Plant Operator; Lisa Vertrees, Administrative Assistant

### **1. Approve Water Operating Board Minutes from March 9, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Ruth Kendall, seconded by Mike Wallin, to approve the minutes of March 2022 meeting, with the note that the Water Operating Board meeting is now subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Water Production/Consumption Review**

- Karl Enyeart provided a report.
- Kelso is pulling more water in the winter months which could be turbidity related.

### **3-5. Financial Review/Wholesale Water Rate/Purveyor Rate**

- Current rates are applied to O and M.
- There has been an increase in chemicals, parts, etc.
- Chris Gonzales, with the FCS group, reviewed the methodology for the Kelso water rate calculation.

- Longview would bill Kelso directly, treating them like any other retail customer.
- Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the costs to Kelso annually, their consumption rate, base rate and potential purveyor rate. Kelso is not in any type of partnership with Beacon Hill or Longview.
- The current wheeling rate for BHWSD and Longview is being reviewed.
- Longview will monitor Kelso's flow rates for potential higher rates in the summer months. If additional testing is necessary Kelso could be billed.
- Kelso's Ranney wells need flushed and cleaned but no one has been found to do that yet.
- There has been no formal request received from Kelso at this point.

#### **6-7. Water Supply, Treatment and Distribution/Construction Budget**

- Project Updates
  - Manway hatches: Completed.
  - Elbow replacement: To be completed August 31, 2022.
  - Well house stabilization, Hypo tank, Equipment storage building projects are currently on hold until the fund balance is established. The projects will need to be updated and revised, on a 2023 timeline.
  - Movement of the well house has slowed and staff will continue monitoring.
  - No changes to the 2022-2023 construction budget.

#### **8. Treatment Plant Operating Report**

- Tom Daly reported.
  - Pumping has dropped so far this year.
  - Maintenance

#### **9. Other Business**

- New fill line – G & O is reviewing. Rails to Trails is working on the current railroad corridor that is near the fill line.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Dell Hillger, Chairman

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Lisa Vertrees, Recorder

