



WATER OPERATING BOARD

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 3:00 PM
C&ED Conf Room
Longview City Hall
1525 Broadway Longview, WA 98632

MINUTES

The Water Operating Board will discuss and take action as appropriate on the following matters:

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1. ROLL CALL

Water Operating Board:

Representatives

Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District: Dell Hillger (Chairman)

City of Longview: Ruth Kendall, Mike Wallin

Staff

Ken Hash, Chris Collins, Brian Steveson, Thomas Daly, Lisa Vertrees

2. MINUTES

23-001522 October 18, 2022 minutes

A motion was made by Member Ruth Kendall, seconded by Member Mike Wallin, to approve the October 18, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three citizens were in attendance to listen and learn.

4. WATER PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION REVIEW

23-001529 Production/Consumption reports

Ken Hash reviewed the report.

Members thought a business-to-residential comparison may be helpful, along with how residential consumption has changed over time, how many residences there are, meter sizes, etc.

Future water main replacements are not good indicators of use. However, newer meters are being installed that capture more information and more accurately.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

23-001524 2023 - 2024

Currently under budget.

Hypo has gone up \$3000 a load. The treatment plant bags were cleaned. They are more cost effective than a screw press at the moment.

6. WHOLESALE WATER RATE

23-001525 Wholesale water rate analysis and direction to staff

Chairman Hillger proved some history of the rate and how we got there.

The Board directed staff to apply some of the excess fund balance to capital projects.

7. WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT, AND DISTRIBUTION

23-001526 Project Updates:

- 1. Hypo tank**
- 2. Well house stabilization**
- 3. Equipment storage building**

Brian Steveson provided an explanation of the #1 pump rebuild.

An additional hypo tank will allow more storage and prevent issues over long weekends or supply.

Considering a sole source agreement with HASA to provide hypo.

The movement of the well house has slowed and staff is continuing to monitor it. Another well house issue is protection of electrical equipment. It should be relocated to outside of the pump house.

Gibbs and Olsen can provide some preliminary budget numbers for the November meeting.

Flow meters should also be relocated away from the pumps and could be moved with the electrical equipment. Flow meter inaccuracies can mess up the chemicals, send out bad water, mess up VFD operation.

The equipment storage building is necessary build.

8. FILTER PLANT 2023-2024 CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

9. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING REPORT

Consumption is down, year-to-date.

There is now a full Filter Plant crew. We are a Level 3 plant, which requires certain certifications.

PFOS was discussed. The PFOS in Longview's water is undetectable.

10. PARTICIPANTS' AGREEMENT

23-001530 Agreement

Chairman Hillger explained the history of the Participants' Agreement.

The updated Agreement will go to City Council on October 12, 2023.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

23-001527

- 1. General discussion of water treatment, distribution and Water Operating Board matters**
- 2. Direction to staff as appropriate**

The old Fishers Lane Treatment plant is currently being demolished.

Direction to staff:

Figure how much to spend down the fund balance

Provide updated costs at the November meeting

Show improvements that impact operational costs

Provide some analysis of the VFD improvements - electricity savings, dump fees, etc.

The next Water Operating Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dell Hillger, Chairman

Lisa Vertrees, Clerk of the Board

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