



WATER OPERATING BOARD

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 1:00 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**

Chairman Hillger call the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Water Operating Board:

Representatives

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

City of Longview: Ruth Kendall, Keith Young

Staff

Chris Collins, Sam Barham, Brian Steveson, Tim Schulz, Thomas Daly, Lisa Vertrees

2. **MINUTES**

25-001202 WOB Minutes of September 23, 2024

A motion was made by Member Ruth Kendall, seconded by Chairman Dell Hillger, to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

4. **WATER PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION REVIEW**

Staff provided a production/consumption review.

5. **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Staff presented on filter plant fund balances. Staff is also recommending raising the target fund balance to \$300,000.

A motion was made by Member Ruth Kendall, seconded by Chairman Dell Hillger, to amend Resolution 16-002, maintaining a 15% fund balance.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **FILTER PLANT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

Staff discussed the construction budget and the timeline for proposed projects. SCADA and well house stabilization are scheduled for 2025, a third hypo tank in 2027 and an equipment building in 2027.

7. **WHOLESALE WATER RATE**

Staff presented Resolution #24-001, proposing a 10% increase in the rate, or increasing to \$0.70 for members and \$1.56 for non-members.

A motion was made by Member Ruth Kendall, seconded by Member Keith Young, to adopt Resolution #24-001 increasing the water rates 16% across the board.
The motion passed unanimously.

8. WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT, AND DISTRIBUTION

Status quo

9. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING REPORT

*Thomas Daly gave an update. Staff is identifying what needs to be changed out from the original plant build for upcoming maintenance planning.
There are some carrier water pressure issue. Staff would like to install some vfds to reduce the carrier water psi. Cla-valves are aging out and vfds would also help that issue. These would be in-house/maintenance improvements.*

The Board asked about the transmission line that was previously discussed. Public Works Director Collins said the project estimate is around \$36 million. We have a \$1 million grant and will continue to pursue grant funding and chip away at the project as the funds are available. The plan is to start with the intake to the reservoir and as much 30" iron ductile pipe down the hill as possible.

10. PARTICIPANTS' AGREEMENT

Status quo

11. OTHER BUSINESS

*None at this time.
With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hillger adjourned the meeting at 2:01 P.M.*

Lisa Vertrees, Clerk of the Board

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