



WATER OPERATING BOARD

Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 2:00 PM

PW Conf Room

Longview City Hall

1525 Broadway Longview, WA 98632

AGENDA

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

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1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **MINUTES**

26-00617 WOB Minutes of June 2, 2026

26-00618 WOB Minutes of December 22, 2025
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **WATER PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION REVIEW**
5. **WHOLESALE WATER RATE**
6. **FILTER PLANT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET UPDATE**
7. **TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING UPDATE**
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Water Operating Board:

Representatives

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

City of Longview: Ruth Kendall, Wayne Nichols

Keith Young (alternate)

Staff

Chris Collins, Sam Barham, Seth Cockrill, Thomas Daly, Lisa Vertrees





City of Longview

Agenda Summary

WOB Minutes of June 2, 2026

Attachments:

1. WOB minutes 060226



WATER OPERATING BOARD

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 1:00 PM

C&ED Conf Room

Longview City Hall

1525 Broadway Longview, WA 98632

MINUTES

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1. Roll Call

Water Operating Board:

Representatives

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

City of Longview: Ruth Kendall, Wayne Nichols, Keith Young (alternate)

Staff

Chris Collins, Steve Hansen, Seth Cockrill, Thomas Daly, Sam Barham, Jeremy Creech, Lisa Vertrees

2. Review of Nippon Dynowave Spill Response

Review of the Nippon Dynowave incident and actions taken by the City of Longview and CDID #1.

The spill affected the Columbia River, the storm drain system, the well head area, and the CDID #1 ditch network. Pumps were turned off, the lake was isolated and drains were plugged. The incident command staff included the EPA, the Department of Ecology, tribal officials, and local officials. Actions need to be justified and legally defensible.

Immediate actions included (not in any particular order):

- o Flush and bypass the lake*
- o Open hydrants*
- o Developed a pumping and discharge plan with the EPA*
- o Monitor Ph levels*
- o Discharged into log pond*
- o Lowered lake level*
- o Pulled water out of sloughs to allow pumps to continue to run*
- o Nippon worked on grout plugging the discharge point*
- o Developed a back up plan to use hydrochloric acid to neutralize the Ph (did not need to put into action)*
- o CDID #1 continued drone inspections*
- o EPA continued doing spot checks*
- o Developing a testing and monitoring plan*

3. Plan for Future Monitoring

OnTerrace Consultants will lead the clean up effort.

The City is monitoring the wells to watch the aquifer. There will be a full accounting of costs incurred by the City.

The worst case scenario would be a new filtration system if the wells become contaminated.

HASA is running with no impact, and our on site chlorine tank is running.

We will watch for future discharge to the stormwater system from other industrial sites.

4. Other Business

None at this time.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hillger adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Vertrees, Clerk

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City of Longview

Agenda Summary

WOB Minutes of December 22, 2025

Attachments:

1. WOBmin122225



WATER OPERATING BOARD

Monday, December 22, 2025, 3:00 PM

C&ED Conf Room

Longview City Hall

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MINUTES

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1. ROLL CALL

Water Operating Board:

Representatives

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City of Longview: Ruth Kendall, Keith Young

Staff

Chris Collins, Steve Hansen, Seth Cockrill, Thomas Daly, Sam Barham, Lisa Vertrees

Councilmember Wayne Nichols

2. MINUTES

25-001122 WOB minutes of December 10, 2024

A motion was made by Member Ruth Kendall, seconded by Member Keith Young, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

4. WATER PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION REVIEW

Mr. Barham reviewed Exhibit C-1.

There has been a downward trend since 2021. Member Kendall requested a spreadsheet to see the trend.

Treatment plant charges were reviewed. Kelso did use some of our water in January, March and July. This prompted further discussion about Kelso water, wells, etc.

5. **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

25-001134 Operating Budgets 2024, 2025

2024 actuals for the end of the year were added. Over budget by 5%. \$78,000 was due to Pumps 3 and 4 rebuilds. \$211,000 was electrical consumption but that is showing a downward trend. The 2025 budget was increased. More reserve is going to capital projects.

25-001135 Chemical Plant Purchase results for 2026

25-001136 Filter Plant Revenue 2024, 2025

6. **FILTER PLANT MINIMUM FUND BALANCE**

25-001133 Resolution 2025-001

Discussion of the Filter plant ending fund balance. Excess was earned from a higher wholesale rate.

A motion was made by Member Young, seconded by Member Kendall to adopt Resolution 2025-001, setting the Minimum Filter Plant Operations Fund Balance at 15% of the approved Filter Plant Operations annual budget. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **WHOLESALE WATER RATE**

Discussed within Agenda item #6.

8. **WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT, AND DISTRIBUTION**

Project Updates:

All projects will be bumped by a year - SCADA and the Well House stabilization will move to 2026. The pump house remodel and security camera replacement will move to 2027.

Hypo prices stayed the same, while other chemical prices went down.

⁹ **FILTER PLANT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

There were VFD issues with well

#3. A unit was ordered and will be installed next week.

Mr. Daly is accumulating "keep one on the shelf" items. The equipment building is full. He would like room to keep one set of filter media.

The new hire is doing well and two others are being trained.

Transmission line update: The \$1 million earmarked/grant was pulled in 2024. There is \$1 million, 90 thousand waiting for approval for 2025. The project will be done in phases at \$2 million each phase.

Water System Plan: The final plan was approved by Council. It will now go to Beach Hill Water Sewer District and the Department of Health.

10. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING REPORT

Discussed with previous agenda items.

11. PARTICIPANTS' AGREEMENT

25-001137 Participant Funding Adjustment - November 2025

Deferred to the next meeting, which will be scheduled early 2026.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Lisa Vertrees, Recorder

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