



MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA ZOOM
MARCH 24, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:35 p.m. Chair Stokes called the meeting to order. Board Members confirmed that they received the meeting materials and could hear the speakers clearly.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: the City of Bellevue (Stokes), the City of Issaquah (Pauly), the City of Kirkland (Sweet), the City of Redmond (Birney), the City of Tukwila (Ekberg), Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Warren¹), and Skyway Water and Sewer District (Ault) were present.

Board Alternates Present: the City of Bellevue (Lee), the City of Redmond (Anderson)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Birney and second by Mr. Ault to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ray Hoffman reviewed items from the Chief Executive Officer's Report that was included in the Board packet.

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- A. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2021.
- B. Meeting Minutes from the February 24, 2021 Board Annual Meeting.
- C. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute an amendment to the Security and SCADA System Design contract with RH2, Inc., a Washington corporation, increasing the contract amount by \$211,500.

¹ Joined the Zoom call at 3:40 p.m.

- D. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment of the White River-Lake Tapps Reservoir Project Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Veolia Water North America – West, LLC (1) extending the term through 2026, and (2) giving the Cascade CEO the authority to exercise an option to extend the term through June 2027 for transition services.

Motion by Ms. Birney and second by Ms. Sweet to approve Consent Action Items A-D as presented in the Board Packet. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to send, as appropriate, letters on behalf of the Board in support of Sammamish Plateau Water's efforts to seek funding for the design and construction of PFAS treatment facilities.

Ray Hoffman explained that as required by the Washington Department of Health, Cascade adopted its 2019 Transmission and Supply Plan (TSP), which describes Cascades current water supplies and operations and development of additional water supplies to meet the needs of Cascade members through 2060.

Mr. Warren explained that Sammamish Plateau Water's (SPW) Independent Supplies include groundwater wells. Wells in the Lower Issaquah Aquifer have been contaminated by PFAS and ongoing monitoring indicates that levels are increasing. To date, SPW has kept PFAS levels as low as possible in its supply using a temporary water right in one of its wells, coupled with blending using regional supply. Mr. Warren added that state guidelines are currently being developed for PFAS and the federal regulatory environment continues to evolve, leading SPW to conclude that the construction of a treatment facility is necessary. SPW is finalizing design of its PFAS treatment facility and is seeking funding sources for construction.

Mr. Hoffman said that SPW's Independent Supplies are an integral part of Cascade's Water Supply Portfolio. Members' independent supplies enable Cascade's regional supplies to last longer and delays the need to develop new regional supplies until all current sources of supply are fully used. This provides important environmental and financial benefits for Cascade, its Members, and the region.

Mr. Hoffman called attention to the draft letter included in the Board packet that explains the importance of SPW's Independent Supplies to the regional water supply. He added that one or more final letters, which are substantially the same as the letter in the Board packet, would be sent, as appropriate, to support SPW's efforts to obtain funding for the design and construction of PFAS treatment facilities.

Ms. Pauly said that she will abstain from the vote since she needs a legal review of the letter prior to her approval and does not want to hold the process up for approval of the motion.

Motion by Ms. Sweet and second by Ms. Birney to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to send, as appropriate, letters on behalf of the Board in support of Sammamish Plateau Water's efforts to seek funding for the design and construction of PFAS treatment facilities. Motion carried unanimously (6-0; City of Issaquah abstained from the vote.).

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee – No meetings held.
- B. Finance & Management Committee – No meetings held.
- C. Public Affairs Committee – Meeting held March 3, 2021. The meeting recap was included in the Board Packet.
- D. Resource & Management Committee – Meeting held March 11, 2021. The meeting recap was included in the Board Packet.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 28, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



John Stokes, Chair



Penny Sweet, Vice-Chair