



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM  
JANUARY 26, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:30 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 Kirkland (Sweet), the City of Redmond (Birney), City of Tukwila (Ekberg), Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Warren), and Skyway Water and Sewer District (Ault)

Board Members Absent: the City of Issaquah (Pauly)

Board Alternates Present: The City of Bellevue (Barksdale/*Board confirmation not official*), the City of Issaquah (Russell/*Board confirmation not official*), the City of Kirkland (Pascal), the City of Redmond (Anderson), and Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Hooshangi)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ray Hoffman, Cascade CEO, reviewed the Chief Executive Officer's Report that was included in the Board packet.

**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Board Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021.

B. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute various 2022 Cascade sponsorship agreements for a combined total not to exceed \$25,000.

**Motion by Ms. Birney and second by Mr. Warren to approve Consent Action Items A-B as presented in the Board Packet. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

**8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

A. 2022 Cascade Draft True-Up

Ed Cebon, Chief Economist/Treasurer explained that the adopted 2022 member charges were based on estimates pending completion of the 2020 water year. He added that the reconciliation determines how closely the adopted charges matched actual allocated costs. The differences are used to true-up member charges through adjustments applied in 2023. Mr. Cebon said that the draft memorandum included in the Board packet provides documentation of the data and calculations used to determine member charges for 2022 and resulting 2023 true-up amounts.

B. Water Rights Sales Policy

Mr. Cebon said that recently, several opportunities have arisen for the potential sale of Cascade water rights or water supply capacity. He reviewed the general principles of the Water Rights Sales Policy, and responded to key questions regarding whether Cascade should sell any of its water rights; what price is appropriate; and how any resulting revenues would be used.

Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Cebon responded to various questions from Board Members.

C. Energy Storage Proposal

Mr. Hoffman discussed the offers Cascade has received to lease various parcels around Lake Tapps and the pros and cons of moving forward with any proposals. Interest for these parcels includes development of a battery storage system to back up solar and wind power. The desired parcels are located at Cascade's future water filtration plant so additional research would need to be conducted. Mr. Hoffman said that if such a leasing arrangement could work out and not be inconsistent with Cascade's short- and long-term operational needs it would be a revenue generator for Cascade. Cascade is working with legal counsel to determine questions for a request for information process.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Executive Committee – no meetings held.
- B. Finance & Management Committee – Meeting held January 18, 2022.
- C. Public Affairs Committee – Meeting held January 5, 2022.
- D. Resource & Management Committee – Meeting held January 13, 2022.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN**

Board Members thanked Chair Stokes for his contributions to the Cascade Water Alliance Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



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Chair



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Vice Chair