



MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA HYBRID MEETING
MAY 25, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:34 p.m. Chair Sweet 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 (Barksdale), the City of Kirkland (Sweet), the City of Redmond (Birney), Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Warren), Skyway Water and Sewer District (Ault), and the City of Tukwila (Ekberg)

Board Member Absent: the City of Issaquah (Pauly)

Board Alternates Present: City of Issaquah (Joe), City of Redmond (Anderson), Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District (Hooshangi)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ray Hoffman, Cascade Chief Officer, reviewed the Chief Executive Officer's Report that was included in the Board packet. Mr. Hoffman responded to questions from Board Members.

7. CONSENT ITEM

A. Board Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2022

Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Mr. Joe to approve Consent Action Item A as presented in the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to finalize and execute a transmission easement agreement in substantially the form included in the Board packet with Gree BN, LLC

Ray Hoffman explained that Puget Sound Energy (PSE) issued an All-Sources RFP for renewable power generation in June 2021 and shortly afterwards Cascade was contacted by several companies interested in using Cascade-owned parcels for their distributed energy battery storage projects. Cascade issued a Request for Information (RFI) to the companies interested in the parcels in January 2022. Mr. Hoffman said that after reviewing the RFIs with the engineers, Cascade determined that installation of the batteries on Cascade's parcels was not feasible due to the uncertainty of the final footprint of Cascade's future water treatment facilities. Therefore, one of the parties, BrightNight, submitted a proposal that installed their batteries on a parcel adjacent to Cascade and requested a transmission easement through a Cascade-owned parcel to PSE's nearby substation.

Mr. Hoffman explained that the proposed project, under a joint venture between BrightNight and Cordelio Power named Gree BN, LLC., is a 200MWac battery storage system to be sited on a tract west of Cascade's land. The project has been advanced to Phase 2 of PSE's RFP shortlisting process and is currently working through environmental studies and permitting with Pierce County. Mr. Hoffman added that the proposed transmission easement runs parallel to current PSE transmission lines that are already located on the Cascade-owned parcels by easement between PSE and Cascade. Cascade does not believe that the proposed project will hamper future use of the parcel for utility purposes.

Mr. Hoffman said that the 56-year, non-exclusive transmission easement agreement is substantially completed with a few provisions to be negotiated and finalized. The agreement is protective of Cascade's current and planned future uses of its parcels and the rights of other easement holders such as PSE. As described in the Board Packet, the agreement provides a process for Cascade to assure receipt of fair market value for use of its property.

Mr. Hoffman noted that the Resource Management, and Finance and Management Committees discussed the easement and were supportive.

Cascade staff responded to various questions from Board Members.

Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Ms. Anderson to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to finalize and execute a transmission easement agreement in substantially the form included in the Board packet with Gree BN, LLC. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- A. Climate Change Impacts Analysis

Ray Hoffman provided an overview of Cascade's proposal to move forward with issuing a Request for Proposals to hire an engineering firm to conduct a climate change impacts analysis on the White River - Lake Tapps Reservoir system to ensure it can sufficiently meet members' future water resource needs. He added that studies indicate that the region has been and will continue to be impacted by climate change. In addition, Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett's water system plans include climate change impacts on supply and demand. Mr. Hoffman said that the Department of Health granted a two-year Transmission and Supply Plan (TSP) extension for sufficient time to include climate analysis in TSP for supply along with demand.

10. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Water Quality Report

Mr. Hoffman said that Cascade’s consultant recently presented the results and technical recommendations from the two-year water quality monitoring program. The results were generally positive and demonstrate that the Lake Tapps Reservoir is in good condition. The consultant presented a series of recommendations that Cascade might want to consider ensuring that the reservoir’s water quality is maintained. The suggestions include development of a lake management plan, nutrient source tracking, reduction of nutrient inputs, and stormwater management measures. Mr. Hoffman clarified that not all of the water quality management recommendations are Cascade’s sole responsibility, so next steps will include development of a suite of potential actions, timeframes, and responsible parties.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee – no meeting held
- B. Finance & Management Committee – Meeting held May 17, 2022
- C. Public Affairs Committee – no meeting held
- D. Resource & Management Committee – Meeting held May 12, 2022

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on June 22, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Penny Sweet, Chair



Angela Birney, Vice-Chair