



MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
VIA ZOOM  
MAY 24, 2023

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:30 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: City of Bellevue (Barksdale), City of Issaquah (Joe), City of Kirkland (Sweet), City of Tukwila (Ekberg<sup>1</sup>), Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Warren), and Skyway Water and Sewer District (Ault)

Board Member Absent: City of Redmond (Birney)

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Mr. Stokes to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

**Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Mr. Ault to amend the meeting agenda and move Item 6E to 8C/Other Action Items (*Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the highest rated firm by Cascade's Selection Committee to perform routine security equipment maintenance and related services at the White River – Lake Tapps Reservoir project in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000*). Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the meeting agenda as amended.**

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

Chuck Clarke, Cascade Acting CEO, reviewed the Chief Executive Officer's Report that was included in the Board Packet.

**6. CONSENT ITEM**

A. Board Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 3:37 p.m.

- B. Meeting Minutes of the Special Board Drinking Water Quality Policy Framework Workshop for March 29, 2023.
- C. Meeting Minutes of the Special Board Meeting for May 9, 2023.
- D. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Ryatt Construction for the demolition and asbestos remediation of the Ford property in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.
- E. ~~Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the highest rated firm by Cascade's Selection Committee to perform routine security equipment maintenance and related services at the White River—Lake Tapps Reservoir project in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Agenda Item 6E moved to Agenda Item 8C/Other Action Items.~~
- F. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award and execute a contract to fabricate and install a replacement hydraulic power unit and related flow control system components in the Valve House in an amount not-to-exceed \$97,000.

**Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Mr. Ault to approve Consent Action Items A-F as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

- G. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with legal counsel, to finalize and execute a 5- year temporary construction easement to be granted by Cascade Water Alliance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, related to the Corps' Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Project, substantially in the form included in the Board Packet.

**Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Mr. Joe to approve Consent Action Item G as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0), with Ms. Anderson recusing herself from the vote.**

## 7. PRESENTATION

- A. Sumner White River Restoration Project Update.

City of Sumner representatives: Mayor Kathy Haden, Robert Wright, and Andrea Marquez; and Natural System Design representative Steve Winter, provided a presentation about one stretch of the White River through Sumner that poses challenges for wildlife, infrastructure, and the regional economy. In 2015, the State of Washington invested \$824,000 for Sumner to lead a dialogue group regarding a small stretch of the river. It became a full comprehensive plan of four companion projects for the full stretch of the White River through Sumner.

The White River's flow sparked a 100-year-old fight that involved two counties, a lawsuit and even dynamite. The river now flows against its natural course through Sumner. At the time, dredging and Mud Mountain Dam offered protection against flooding. However, sediment is building up in the Lower White River where the river flows through the City of Sumner, degrading habitat for endangered salmon and increasing flood risk to surrounding areas, even in normal storm events.

The restoration project will restore 170 acres of floodplain, riparian, and wetland habitat in the Lower White River, significantly increasing high quality habitat for salmon. Connected floodplains give the river room to spread out and slow down during high water, reducing flood risk for the surrounding community.

Mr. Warren asked how future sedimentation will be minimized. Mr. Winter discussed some of the geological challenges with sedimentation, and some of the mitigation efforts being considered.

## 8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 adopting Cascade's Drinking Water Quality Policy Framework.

Melina Thung, Cascade Chief of Staff, reviewed Resolution No. 2023-11 adopting Cascade's Drinking Water Quality Policy Framework. The draft was included in the Board Packet. The results of the recently completed two-year water quality sampling and monitoring study indicate that the Lake Tapps Reservoir is currently healthy with low levels of pollutants. Maintaining the reservoir's water quality is critical to protect its resiliency and reliability as a future source of drinking water for Cascade Members. Since the reservoir will not be developed for municipal supply for many years, the Board asked staff to provide guidance on what water quality actions should be taken prior to building out the reservoir. This includes the timing of and investment amounts for water quality activities.

If approved, the Board will review the Policy Framework on a biennial basis and modify it as needed. In addition, Cascade staff will update the Board on the status of the drinking water quality program on a regular basis (at least annually). The update will include information on recommendations made in Herrera's 2022 Year 2 Water Quality Data Report, proposed actions that were presented to the Board, actions that staff considered but did not move forward, and future actions that staff wish to explore and will need future budget authorization.

**Motion by Mr. Warren and second by Ms. Anderson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 adopting Cascade's Drinking Water Quality Policy Framework. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

- B. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to implement a pilot project during 2023 that allows homeowner associations and individual homeowners to utilize Cascade's Aquatic Plant and Algae Management general permit when they contract directly with the contract applicator used by Cascade to chemically treat Eurasian Milfoil in the Lake Tapps Reservoir.

Melina Thung said that it appears that one Homeowner's Association and several individuals will participate in the proposed 2023 pilot program for milfoil treatment. If approved by the Board, pilot participants will contract directly with Cascade's applicator to chemically treat milfoil outside of Cascade's planned treatment areas, under Cascade's permit. Cascade staff will evaluate the pilot and present the results and recommendations to the Board later in the year. Information will be made available to homeowners about the pilot project.

**Motion by Mr. Barksdale and second by Mr. Warren to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to implement a pilot project during 2023 that allows homeowner associations and individual homeowners to utilize Cascade's Aquatic Plant and Algae Management general permit when they contract directly with the contract applicator used by Cascade to chemically treat Eurasian Milfoil in the Lake Tapps Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

- C. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the highest rated firm by Cascade's Selection Committee to perform routine security equipment maintenance and related services at the White River – Lake Tapps Reservoir project in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000. *Moved from Agenda Item 6E.*

Henry Chen, Cascade Engineering & Capital Projects Director, explained that Phase 1 of the Security Improvement Program was completed in the summer of 2018. In 2022, Cascade began construction and completed construction work in 2023 on the remaining phase of this program. As with newly acquired assets, this predominantly mechanical and electrical equipment requires annual, scheduled maintenance to ensure proper performance. The scope of this contract is to provide routine, scheduled equipment maintenance and related services for all security equipment installed

between 2018 and 2023. The related services include unscheduled problem diagnosis and remediation and minor system add-ons. Mr. Chen said that the recommended amount of \$90,000 has been revised to \$120,000.

**Motion by Mr. Ault and second by Ms. Anderson to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the highest rated firm by Cascade's Selection Committee to perform routine security equipment maintenance and related services at the White River – Lake Tapps Reservoir project in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,000. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Executive Committee – Meeting held May 4, 2023. Meeting recap included in the Board Packet.
- B. Finance & Management Committee – Meeting held March 21, 2023. Meeting recap included in the Board Packet.
- C. Public Affairs Committee – Meeting held April 5, 2023 and May 3, 2023. Meeting recap included in the Board Packet.
- D. Resource & Management Committee – Meeting held April 19, 2023. Meeting recap included in the Board Packet.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular Board meeting will be held on June 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

## **12. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



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Penny Sweet, Chair



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Angela Birney, Vice-Chair