



**LAKESWOOD WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Thursday, January 27, 2022**

President Korsmo called the virtual Special Meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Staff participated via Microsoft Teams.

Present at the meeting: Commissioners J. Korsmo, G. Rediske, and G. Barton, General Manager R. Black, Engineering Manager M. Meyer, Operations Manager I. Black, Office Manager T. MacDougall, Finance Manager P. Mendoza, IT Manager C. Fast, HR Analyst B. Levo, and District counsel C. Chambers of Inslee Best and District counsel A. Tramountanas of Ogden Murphy Wallace.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Rediske moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Barton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Each Commissioner individually gave verbal authorization for the use of their electronic signatures on these approved minutes.

**Financial Information:**

In keeping with District practice at fiscal year-end, financials for December and January will be presented at the February meeting.

Disbursements made from the General Ledger Fund for check number 44556 through 44686 totaling \$1,405,569.20, salary direct deposits totaling \$187,817.52, payroll taxes totaling \$65,811.96, and other electronic payments totaling \$185,523.01, for a grand total of \$1,844,721.69 were presented to the Board for approval. After review, Commissioner Rediske moved to approve the payables as listed. Commissioner Barton seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Each Commissioner individually gave verbal authorization for the use of their electronic signatures on these approved payables.

**Commissioner Gary G. Barton Oath of Office**

District counsel C. Chambers conducted the swearing in of Commissioner Barton for a six-year term.

## **Board Election of Officers**

Commissioner Rediske nominated President Korsmo to continue in his role as Board President. Commissioner Barton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Barton nominated Commissioner Rediske to continue in his role as Board Vice President. President Korsmo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. President Korsmo nominated Commissioner Barton to continue in his role as Board Secretary. Commissioner Rediske seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Executive Session Under RCW 42.30.110 – Condemnation Update, Spanaway Wholesale Water Main Project**

President Korsmo called for a 15-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 for District counsel C. Chambers to update the Board on legal proceedings. The Executive Session began at 8:50 a.m. At 9:05 a.m., the session concluded. No action was taken.

## **Board Award of 112<sup>th</sup> Street Pacific Highway to South Tacoma Way R&R Project**

The General Manager presented an overview of the project and noted the District has already secured the materials due to supply chain issues. The Operations Manager shared that the bids for the project were favorable. H-Con out of Puyallup was the lowest responsible bidder. The required background checks have been performed and the bid comes in much lower than the Engineer's Estimate for the project, resulting in considerable savings to the District. The District recommends the Board award the 112<sup>th</sup> Street R&R project to H-Con.

Commissioner Rediske moved to award the project to H-Con as presented. Commissioner Barton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Discussion Regarding New Property Owner of the Abitibi Mill Site**

The General Manager shared that there is a new owner of the Abitibi Mill site. The owner is interested in developing the site, changing the zoning from industrial to residential, and would like to begin the process by mid-2023. The District has always expressed an interest in the three wells that are onsite but up until now has not received the needed cooperation to investigate and do a conditional assessment on the wells. The District is requesting Board approval to work with Burt Clothier of PGG on a scope of work to evaluate and place a value should one or more wells be viable for municipal use. The scope of work, potential costs, and timeline would be presented at the February meeting. This is an unbudgeted item.

The Board expressed their full support and approved the request as presented.

## **Executive Session Under RCW 42.30.110 – Potential Litigation, 39<sup>th</sup> Ave and Halcyon R&R Project**

President Korsmo called for a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 for District counsel A. Tramountanas to update the Board on potential litigation. The Executive Session began at 9:22 a.m. At 9:32 a.m., the session concluded. No action was taken in the session.

## **Board Award of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and Halcyon Avenue R&R Project**

The Operations Manager presented the results of the bid opening and recommended the Board award the project to Ceccanti, Inc., who was the lowest responsible bidder. Ceccanti is currently performing work for the District on the Scott well site project.

Commissioner Rediske moved to award the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue R&R project to Ceccanti, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Barton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **General Manager's Report:**

In the interest of time, the General Manager touched on a few items from his full, written report. He also shared information from his call with Carol Stuckey from Department of Health regarding the conditional assessment of Western State Hospital and inaction and lack of funding from DSHS.

## **Operations Manager's Report:**

The Operations Manager touched on a few items from his full, written report, including challenges with supply chain. Delays and increased costs pose a challenge to delivering projects on time and on budget. He shared that we might want to reevaluate how and when we bid in order to mitigate those challenges. Otherwise, projects have gone well. President Korsmo inquired about supervision of projects and the potential to reduce waste. Commissioner Barton inquired about the security of material used in projects.

## **Engineering Manager's Report:**

In the interest of time, the Engineering Manager touched on a few items from his full, written report, including water sampling being conducted at the O-2 well site in Oakbrook, which is close to the SAL. He also shared information on the rehabilitation work on the Steilacoom site well to bring P-1R back into service and the work performed last year on the D-2 well to lengthen the pump assembly, which increased its output by 600 gallons per minute.

## **Office Manager's Report:**

The Office Manager shared that some staff are working from home on an alternating basis due to the spike in COVID-19 cases.

**Other Business:**

The Board acknowledged employee wages as presented.

Commissioner Barton presented information on the latest Government Relations Committee meeting, including information on bills that are going through the current legislative session that impact groundwater districts. With regard to the fluoridation bill, he shared information with lobbyists on the District's previous experience with fluoridation and concerns raised by ratepayers.

With no additional business to address, President Korsmo adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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**ITS PRESIDENT**

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**ITS VICE PRESIDENT**

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**ITS SECRETARY**

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**DISTRICT SECRETARY**