

Minutes May 9, 2024 - Final

Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

- Attendance as follows:

First Name	Last Name	Utility	Official Operating Board Role	Attendance Type
Hilary	Allison	SPU		In person
Sean	Bauer	Cedar River	Utility Rep	Virtual
Julie	Belt	Woodinville		In person
Kelly	Boswell	Olympic View		Virtual
Amanda	Campbell	Northshore	Utility Rep	Virtual
Regina	Carpenter	SPU		Virtual
Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair	In person
Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep	Virtual
Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member	Virtual
Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep	In person
Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep	In person
Elizabeth	Garcia	SPU		In person
Andrew	Greenhill	SPU		Virtual
Terri	Gregg	SPU		In person
Charlotte	Haines	North City		In person
Patricia	Hale	North City		Virtual
Lynn	Kirby	SPU		In person
Paula	Laschober	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member	Virtual
Andrew	Lee	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Steve	Leniszewski	Duvall	Utility Rep	Virtual
Ky	Lewis	SPU		Virtual
Wayne	Liou	SPU		Virtual
Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member	Virtual
Pam	Maloney	Woodinville		Virtual
Michael	Martin	WD 20	Utility Rep	Virtual
Patrick	Martin	CCUD		Virtual
Katie	Nolan	Renton		Virtual
Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep	Virtual
Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU		In person
Maura	Patterson	SPU		In person
Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Darcey	Peterson	WD 90		In person
Matthew	Porter	SPU		Virtual
Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Ron	Ricker	North City		In person
Robert	Russell	Coal Creek		Virtual
Susan	Saffery	SPU		Virtual
Carla	Snyder	Coal Creek		Virtual
Jane	Vandenberg	Soos Creek	Utility Rep	In person
Logan	Wallace	Soos Creek		Virtual
Ingrid	Wertz	SPU		Virtual
Max	Woody	North City		Virtual
Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair	Virtual

2. Agenda/Minutes

- 2a. April 4, 2024 minutes were approved 6-0.
- 2b. The May 9, 2024 agenda was approved 6-0.

3. Old Business

3a. 2025-2030 (6-Year) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Part 3: Julie Crittenden, SPU Director of Planning and Program Management, continued the discussion regarding the CIP for 2025-2030, including the CIP development process, the OB approval process, and responses to questions received from the Operating Board members. Next round of questions are due May 24th and a final update on this year's CIP will be given at the June 6th OB meeting. A few questions/discussions ensued:

- **WSP Climate Change Requirements:** There was a discussion around the new climate change requirement for WSPs and upcoming wholesale customer WSPs that will be due to DOH before SPU's 2029 WSP.
- **SPU's CIP Development Process:** There was continued discussion around helping OB members understand SPU's CIP development process. SPU identified the options below and OB members will confer with each other to determine their preferences.
 - Use the March OB meeting of the CIP review cycle to review SPU's CIP process in detail (development of projects, prioritization of projects over time, why costs may change over time, etc) and share the CIP tables in the April and May OB meetings.
 - Hold a special workshop each March to review SPU's CIP process in detail, for those interested in a deeper dive/refresher.
 - Bring projects to the OB earlier in the development process (i.e., earlier than just before Stage Gate 2)
 - OB members invited to attend SPU's Asset Management Committee (AMC) meetings when regional CIP projects are being discussed. Note Julie Belt and Jorgan Peadon will attend the 5/14 AMC meeting that includes the Tolt Spillway Improvement.
 - OB members invited to attend value engineering sessions, for projects that go through that process.
 - Modify the status column in the CIP table to allow for projects in design to be labeled as 30% vs 60% vs 90% design.

4. New Business

4a. Spring Water Supply Status: Elizabeth Garcia, SPU Water Resources Planning Unit Supervisor, gave a presentation to share the status of our reservoir refills, the status of our water supply outlook for the summer, and a summary of the State's drought emergency declaration.

4b. Lead Service Line Inventory: Lynn Kirby, SPU Water Quality Engineer, gave an update on how SPU is responding to the EPA/DOH requirement to complete a lead service line inventory by October 2024.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** Alex Chen briefly discussed this document. He mentioned we'll have to wait until this summer to see how demand coincides with the rate study. Currently, we are still in El Nino conditions, but NOAA is predicting we will shift to La Nina conditions later this summer/early fall.
- **Tolt Dam Early Warning System:** Alex Chen relayed the reason for the false alarm in March: SPU's vendor in Chicago, Federal Signal, did not follow protocols and inadvertently they sounded the alarm at 10AM

PST (noon time in Chicago), while conducting system maintenance activities. New security protocols are now in place with Federal Signal to ensure they are offline when maintaining the system. The sirens and weekly noon testings are turned off for now following discussions with the City of Carnation.

- **Next Meeting:** June 6th - In-Person Only; Cedar River Watershed; 10AM-2:30PM.

6. Good of the Order

- **Mercer Island Pipeline:** Ron Little, Independent Board Member, asked about the Mercer Island pipeline leak. Alex Chen summarized that Mercer Island had concerns about the hillside slope where the pipe is located and decided on an emergency evacuation of residents (approx. 20 homes) which lasted one day. SPU and Mercer Island are working together to resolve the situation. SPU has recommended slip-lining the pipe and Mercer Island staff are reviewing that recommendation.
- **Meters:** Steve Leniszewski raised that Duvall was having supply chain issues with their meters (Sensus, AMI) and wondered if anyone had a surplus. There was a suggestion to reach out to Tacoma.
- Kudos from Diane Pottinger on a recent presentation on the Queen Anne Hill Project by a former SPU employee.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Approved by:


[Alex Chen \(Jun 21, 2024 08:48 PDT\)](#)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

06/21/2024

Date