

FINAL Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
 March 2, 2023
 1-3PM

Webex Meeting

Board Members

Patrick Sorenson, Chair
 Alex Chen
 Paula Laschober
 Mike Amburgey, Alt
 Shane Young
 Ron Little, 7th Member

Utility Representatives

Boyd Benson
 Amanda Campbell
 Bob Danson
 Jeremy Delmar
 Pete Eberle
 Steve Leniszewski
 Michael Martin
 Suzi O'Byrne
 Terry Olson
 Jorgan Peadon
 Jane Vandenberg

SPU Attendees

Hilary Allison
 Regina Carpenter
 Julie Crittenden
 Kathy Curry
 Terri Gregg
 Ulysses Hillard
 Lynn Kirby
 Michele Koehler
 Ky Lewis
 Eugene Mantchev
 Martha Neuman
 Maura Patterson
 Julia Unrein

Other Attendees

Jamie Crookston
 Charlotte Haines
 Roxanne Heller
 Pam Maloney
 Cameron Ogard
 Darcey Peterson
 Kathleen Quong-Vermiere
 Robert Russell
 Logan Wallace
 Max Woody

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

The Operating Board Chair, Patrick Sorenson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kathy Curry, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, completed a roll call of Operating Board (OB) Members and confirmed there was a quorum to begin the meeting. No announcements were made.

2. Agenda/Minutes

a) The **February 2, 2022**, minutes were *approved 5-0*.

b) The **March 2, 2023**, agenda was *approved 5-0* with agreement to hear New Business topic 4a ahead of Old Business topic 3a.

4. New Business

4a) 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Maura Patterson, SPU Drinking Water Planning and Policy Advisor, shared a presentation on the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), kicking off this year's annual CIP discussion. As part of her presentation, Maura also shared information on how the 6-year CIP fits in with long term planning, programs and projects and provided background on the OB's role in the annual CIP review process.

3. Old Business

3a) Facilities Charges

Regina Carpenter, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Principal Economist, shared information on Facilities Charges (FCs) update options and answered questions to help prepare the Operating Board to vote on Facilities Charges update options. Alex Chen, SPU Deputy Director of the Water Line of Business and Shared Services Branch, provided a big picture summary of Regina's presentation to frame the Operating Board FC vote.

Alex also provided a summary of SPU's responses to questions about the True Up Balance and shared

information on SPU's proposal to again postpone a new rate study for 2023 while contracts are still being negotiated.

After the presentation and following discussion, *the large (Patrick Sorenson), medium (Mike Amburgey), and small (Shane Young) utility category Board representatives relayed, on behalf of their category members, that they agree with SPU's proposal to continue to allocate new supply revenue requirements to FC's and also agree with SPU's proposal to postpone a new rate study.*

4. New Business (continued)

4 b) Fish Ladder & Screen Repairs

Julia Unrein, SPU Senior Environmental Analyst, provided a presentation on recently completed repairs to the Landsburg fish ladder and fish screen (O&M) and shared information on some of the issues that had to be addressed to complete the work on the Ladder Facility on the Cedar River.

4 c) Landsburg Downstream Passage and Surface Repair Project

Ulysses Hillard, SPU Senior Water Resources Engineer, gave an update on the Landsburg Downstream Passage Surface Repair Project (C600172) and shared information on how the need for the work was identified and timeline for project design to implementation.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies** – Alex Chen went over the graphs on Attachment 5a relaying that water sales are normal.
- **Water Supply Update** – Alex went over Attachment 5b and shared that consumption is normal and that, while water storage is a little lower than typical for this time of year, everything is in generally good shape.

6. Future Meetings

Kathy Curry provided reminders for the following upcoming Operating Board meetings:

- April 6th – In-person CIP workshop at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center (10 am to noon)
- April 6th – In-person OB social lunch hour with lunch to be provided (noon to 1 pm)
- April 6th – Hybrid, in-person, regular monthly meeting at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center (1 to 3 pm)
- May 11 - Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm).
- June 1 – Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm)

7. Good of the Order – none raised.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Approved by:



Chair, Patrick Sorenson
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

4-17-2023

Date