

Minutes September 5, 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	In person
Julie	Belt	Woodinville		In person
Boyd	Benson	Bothell	Utility Rep	In person
Jonathan	Chavez	Renton		In person
Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair	In person
Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek		In person
Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep	In person
Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep	In person
Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep	In person
Terri	Gregg	SPU		In person
Michelle	Hall	WD 90		In person
Keely	Hogan	Soos Creek		In person
Paige	Igoe	SPU		In person
Andrew	Lee	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member	In person
Jim	Nilson	SPU		In person
Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU		In person
Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Steve	Puryear	Cedar River		In person
Darcey	Peterson	WD 90		In person
Matthew	Porter	SPU		In person
Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline		In person
Ron	Ricker	North City		In person
Winsome	Robinson-Williams	SPU		In person
Robert	Russell	Coal Creek		In person
Todd	Snider	SPU		In person
Josh	Werner	SPU		In person
Max	Woody	North City		In person
Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair	In person

2. Agenda/Minutes

- 2a. July 11, 2024 minutes were approved 5-0. (Note: 1 voting member was absent)
- 2b. September 5, 2024 agenda was approved 5-0. (Note: 1 voting member was absent)

3. Old Business – none

4. New Business

4a. Cascade Negotiations Update: SPU's General Manager Andrew Lee gave an update on Cascade negotiations. Cascade has indicated its intent to continue its negotiations with Tacoma, although Cascade and

Seattle still have regular meetings to discuss the issue. Cascade has decided it may go to the state legislature to advance legislation to compel Seattle to wheel Cascade’s water through its system. Seattle’s Mayor will be sending a firm letter to Cascade and its board members strongly opposing this effort. Several questions and comments ensued.

4b. SPU Apprenticeship Program Overview: SPU’s Todd Snider and Josh Werner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current and previous apprenticeship programs. A couple of questions ensued as to the success rate and job opportunities at the completion of the program. *Response: There is roughly an 80% success rate along with a good mentoring and coaching program for those who are interested, and everyone at the completion of the apprenticeship program has a job. Many of the candidates have gone onto becoming leads, crew chiefs and managers.*

4c. Cedar WQ Treatment Regulations, Processes and Projects: SPU’s Jim Nilson gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the water treatment facilities located at the Tolt, Landsburg and Lake Youngs, to include how the water is treated at each facility. A few questions ensued.

4c. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** Alex Chen briefly discussed this document. Consumption dropped last month due to the cooler weather in August and for 2024 is 3% higher than the 2020 Rate Study projection.
- **Water Supply Update.** Mathew Porter, SPU water resources planner, shared that water supply is looking good with both reservoirs full.
- **Other Updates.** None.
- **Next Meeting:** October 3 – Hybrid format (Mercer Island and Teams); 1-3PM.

5. Good of the Order – none.

Board meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. (A tour of the Cedar River Treatment Campus followed the official board meeting.)

Approved by:



Alex Chen (Oct 23, 2024 15:29 PDT)

Chair, Alex Chen

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Date