



Mission Statement: Meeting the challenge of protecting the environment and providing quality sewer service to the community.

**MINUTES OF
COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 28, 2022, at 9:00 AM**

Attendees: Commissioners Dan Lorentzen, Andrea Wright and Kevin Kosche, District Staff: Mariah Low, Johnathan Dix, and Melonie Grieser. District Engineers: Leigh Nelson, G&O. Legal Counsel: Jordan Stephens and Kinnon Williams; City Councilman Gary Petershagen

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 9:00 AM Commissioner Lorentzen called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Lorentzen led those present in the Flag Salute.
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – Commissioner Kosche moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.
4. **CONSENT ITEMS** (The Commissioners have previously reviewed these in detail) – Commissioner Kosche moved to approve Consent Items A through I. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

	AMOUNT	CHECK #'s
A. Minutes: April 14 & 27		
B. Lien Placements (0)		
Lien Releases (0)		
Lien Foreclosure Lawsuit (0)		
C. Investments	\$410,400.00	
Withdrawals	\$405,260.70	
Transfers	\$399,525.00	
D. Payroll	NA	
E. 40 – Maintenance	\$171,638.78	9724-9773 & EFT 158
F. 48 – SRF Principle & Interest Payment	NA	
G. 50 – City of Lake Stevens Bond Payment	NA	
H. 58 – Capital Expenditures	\$5,735.70	9774 - 9775
I. 60 – PWTF Principle & Interest Payment	NA	

5. **PUBLIC FORUM – Non-action Items** (please limit comments to 3 minutes) Commissioner Lorentzen asked if there were any public comments or questions submitted. Nothing submitted and no one in attendance.
6. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - A. Resolution No. 1025 – 2022 Rate Increase – Mariah stated that this resolution has been presented to the Board previously and will raise the flat rate from \$86 a month to \$99. It has been reviewed by legal and is recommended by staff. Commissioner Kosche appreciated the community comment period and understands the concerns with rising costs, but the District has

not escaped inflation. He is supportive of the increase to \$99. Commissioner Wright stated that she wished the increase had been slow over previous years but does see how this is unavoidable for preventative measures. It has been fully researched and is not done lightly. Commissioner Lorentzen also stated that the increase will be tough for many in our community and his concern is helping those on fixed incomes, who need relief the most. Commissioner Kosche made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 1025. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS -

- A. Hisey I DEA - Johnathan Dix stated that this DEA includes 36 ERUs and requires construction of a lift station that will serve 283 ERUs and will have 247 latecomers. It has been reviewed by engineering and legal and is recommended by staff. Commissioner Kosche made a Motion to approve the Hisey I DEA. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

8. MANAGERS' REPORTS

- A. General Manager – Mariah Low stated that next week the District will publish a request for proposal for hauling biosolid and land application. The stolen Mitsubishi was recovered, it will be surplus property and the City will have the first right of refusal. The Cybersecurity State Auditor's report will be published today. Treatment Plant staff are working with the City on the clarifier inspection. Plant Flows are at 2.84 MGD, dewatering sludge pump is back after repairs and installed. Landscaping started for multiple buildings. The Plant permeate pipe repairs will start next week after some unexpected delays.
- B. Assistant General Manager – Johnathan Dix stated that the District has collected 41 connection fees and 76 permits have been paid year to date. Contractor is starting work to repair two side sewers on 17th PL NE.

9. CITY REPORT – Gary Petershagen was thankful for the discussions at the Utility Meeting the previous evening.

10. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT – Commissioner Wright would like to see a visual for ratepayers in their next statement that lists the improvements that the increase is funding and addresses inflation, how that impacts the District. The next statement will include an insert. Commissioner Kosche appreciates the work at the Utility Committee meeting and has full confidence that talks will work out. Commissioner Lorentzen also likes providing more rate increase information in the next statements.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Jordan Stephens stated the Commission will now recess into Executive Session at 9:25 AM and excused the General Public; it is estimated the executive session will last until 9:55 AM. The purpose of the Executive Session, under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), is to discuss pending litigation. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, no action will be taken by the Board of Commissioners. At 9:55 AM Commissioner Lorentzen concluded the Executive Session.

12. CONCLUDE – Commissioner Kosche moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. The Motion passed at 9:55 AM.

Signed at a regular open public meeting this 12th day of May 2022





Dan Lorentzen, President and Commissioner



Andrea Wright, Commissioner

Kevin Kosche

Kevin Kosche, Secretary and Commissioner

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