

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 125**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Commissioner Blanchette called the Board Meeting of the King County Water District No. 125 Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 P.M. at the District Office located at 3460 S 148th ST STE 110, Tukwila, Washington.

Present:

Staff: Shane Young, General Manager, Claudia Suseyi, Comptroller

Teleconference: Renea Blanchette, Commissioner, Laura Marrone, Commissioner, Leebue Maidesil, Commissioner

Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Marrone made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 Board meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Maidesil seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Vouchers: Maintenance Vouchers numbered 30068-30088 in the amount of \$44,783.11 and EFT Vouchers numbered 30089-30092 in the amount of \$99,296.71 were presented to the Board for review and approval. Commissioner Marrone made a motion to approve the vouchers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maidesil, which carried unanimously.

General Manager Report: Young gave a brief Covid-19 update. As of today, Governor Jay Inslee announced all counties in Washington will move to Phase III on March 22, 2021. Young noted he presented the staff and Commissioners with the updated Covid-19 Employee memo. The memo noted that Covid-19 vaccination is not required but encouraged amongst staff. Young will have more updates at the next board meeting.

Young informed the Board of his phone conversation with the SeaTac public works director, Will Appleton, regarding a future SeaTac franchise negotiation with the District. Young will have a sit down with City staff to discuss negotiating a franchise contract and will have more updates at a future meeting.

Young noted 16 surrounding districts met last week to discuss the King County Franchise Ordinance. A new court date will be scheduled in April or May 2021 to hear preliminary arguments about how the fee should be calculated. Young will have more updates at a future meeting.

Young informed the Board that the District has been selected for a state excise tax audit through the Department of Revenue. The audit covers the years of 2017-2020. Young and staff have submitted preliminary data and are awaiting a follow up response from the auditor. This is the first known excise audit the District has received.

Young presented the Board with the March 2021 aged receivables report. Currently, the District has a total of 279 accounts with balances of 120 days or more. Young is closely monitoring updates from Governor Jay Inslee on debt collections and will have more updates at the next Board meeting.

Young presented the Board with a GFC and Meter installation presentation showing fees charged by surrounding districts. The presentation compares the existing rates to the FCS Group GFC study presented in February to the District. Young will review the data and may make a staff recommendation on the proposed rate charges at a later meeting.

Young gave an update on the City of Seattle land parcel the District has interest of purchasing. In speaking with Terri Greg from SPU, the District would need to wait 2-3 years for the City of Seattle to surplus the property before the purchase can be finalized. Commissioner Marrone directed Young to inquire if a lease-to-own option for the vacant land would be an option. Young will follow up with SPU and report on updates at the next board meeting. Young noted, surrounding district managers are still meeting to discuss the open SPU wholesale contract in detail. Young will report on his meeting attendance at the next board meeting.

Young informed the Board that the WASWD Spring Conference registration is now open and Suseyi has registered the Commissioners and himself. The conference takes place April 14-16 and will be held virtually.

Young noted he is scheduled to attend WASWD's Diversity and Inclusion training workshop on March 12, 2021.

Young informed the Board of future meeting dates:

March 22, 2021 10:30 AM WASWD Board Meeting
 March 25, 2021 3:00 PM Board Meeting
 April 1, 2021 1:00 PM SPU OB Meeting
 April 8, 2021 3:00 PM Board Meeting
 April 14-16 WASWD Spring Virtual Conference
 April 22, 2021 3:00 PM Board Meeting
 April 26, 2021 10:30 AM WASWD Board Meeting

Adjournment: Commissioner Marrone made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maidesil and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 P.M.


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