

Whatcom County Council Water Work Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

10:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas and Carol Frazey

Absent: 1 - Kathy Kershner

Overview of 2021 Flood Control Zone District Capital Projects

The following people spoke:

- Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department
- Paula Harris, Public Works Department

Harris gave a presentation and answered questions about the Abbott project and how the Council can help with challenges of the Lynden Levee project.

Water Resources Update

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, updated the Councilmembers on the following:

- Adjudication/water settlement process and funding
- The Regional Water Supply planning process
- The Groundwater Model Peer Review
- Work with Whatcom Water Alliance and Whatcom Conservation District on domestic and agriculture water use efficiency
- Agenda topics of the Watershed Management Board and the WRIA 1 Planning Unit
- Funding for construction of the Kenny Creek culvert replacement from the House Capital budget
- Locations for Lake Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species inspections
- A redesign and refurbishment of the South Bay boat launch

Sudden Valley Community Association Memorandum of Understanding

Kraig Olason, Public Works Department, gave a presentation and answered whether the agreement is project-specific, whether there are other opportunities in the watershed to improve the conveyance ahead of putting in vaults, using energy dissipation as erosion control, whether this is a model that can be used in other areas, and whether there is any cost sharing for the build out of the project.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription