



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

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Monday, September 23, 2024

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Don Langley, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Vice Chair, Donald Langley (Dist. I)
Alternate Member Bill Wasserman (Dist. I)
Regular Member James Eklund (Dist. I)
Regular Member Clark Hammelman (Dist. II)
Regular Member Roger Hudson (Dist. II)
Regular Member Frank Johns (Dist. III)
Regular Member Harold Smethills (Dist. III)
At-Large Sean Tonner
At-Large Tricia Bernhardt

2. Approval of Water Commission Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2024

Don Langley, Vice Chair, asked for any comments or a motion for the August 26, 2024, Water Commission Meeting Minutes.

Harold Smethills requested a change to the minutes and read a statement that reflected those changes.

Chris Pratt, Sr. County Attorney, provided an explanation regarding the use of action minutes for County boards and that the meetings are recorded for reference on exact statements.

Harold Smethills stated that is a good practice, however his concern is they were asked for advice and wanted to make sure his statement was recorded.

Don Langley stated he is fine with adding the statement to the minutes.

Roger Hudson moved to approve the August 26, 2024, minutes.

Sean Tonner seconded.

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RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYES: Langley, Eklund, Hammelman, Hudson, Johns, Smethills, Tonner,
Bernhardt
NAYS: None

Alternate Bill Wasserman joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. Water Plan RFP Scope of Services

Don Langley, Vice Chair, stated the Commission will move into discussing the draft RFP scope of service. The intent is to capture any last comments or changes based on today's discussion.

Kati Carter, Assistant Director of Planning Resources, stated based on discussion at this meeting, the plan is to post the RFP Friday, 9/27.

The members and staff had discussion on the timeline and RFP process.

Don Langley presented a PowerPoint that outlined the water plan phases and tasks. Additionally, he noted items for discussion are the Public Engagement process and Water Supply Study.

There was discussion on the Public Engagement process.

There was discussion on the Water Supply Study process.

Sean Tonner motioned to move forward with the recommended changes.

Harold Smethills seconded.

Roger Hudson amended the motion to move forward with the recommended changes in addition to changes discussed today and trust of the sub-committee.

Harold Smethills seconded the amended motion.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYES: Langley, Eklund, Hammelman, Hudson, Johns, Smethills, Tonner,
Bernhardt, Wasserman
NAYS: None

Don Langley stated the amendment was approved and we should now take a vote on the approved amendment itself and asked if all were in favor.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYES: Langley, Eklund, Hammelman, Hudson, Johns, Smethills, Tonner,
Bernhardt, Wasserman
NAYS: None

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Kati Carter, Assistant Director of Planning Resources, provided the tentative RFP timeline.

There was discussion about the timeline.

4. Member Discussion

Tricia Bernhardt inquired about the members whose terms expire in 2025.

Kati Carter, Assistant Director of Planning Resources, provided an overview of next steps for those members whose terms expire if they would like to be reappointed.

Frank Johns provided commentary regarding his actions at the August 26th Water Commission meeting and follow-up discussion amongst and meetings held by the County Commissioners regarding removing members from the Water Commission. He also stated that if he is removed from the Water Commission that he will meet with his Alternate and will provide his Water Commission documentation.

Tricia Bernhard commented that they all have the right to have a different opinion and doesn't believe it is right to remove a member based on differing opinion.

Don Langley, Chair, asked for any other comments from the members.

Roger Hudson provided comments regarding his working relationship with the Commissioners, how he interprets the By-laws, and that the interpretation of the Bylaws and processes need to be clearer.

James Eklund generally concurred with other member comments.

5. Adjournment

There was a motion and a second to adjourn.

Don Langley declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.