



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of
North Beach Water District**

These are the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of North Beach Water District held at 6:00 p.m., Sunday October 6, 2019 at the RLH Hotel Board Meeting Room, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, Washington.

I. Call to Order Special Meeting

Commissioner Ripley called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Glenn Ripley, Gwen Brake, Brian Sheldon

Staff present:

William Neal, general manager

Others present:

None.

III. Approval of the Agenda:

Commissioner Brake moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ripley called for a vote.

The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

IV. Resolution 14-2019

Commissioner Sheldon moved to approve Resolution 14-2019 approving a job description for the general manager and authorizing the current general manager to start recruiting a new general manager

Commissioner Brake seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the job description.

The Board agreed to amend the job description to include "Project management experience" under the "Desirable Qualification" section of the General Manager Job Description.

Commissioner Ripley called for a vote.

The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

V. Discussion – October 7th meeting with Senator Dean Takko and the Office of Drinking Water

The general manager outlined the line of reasoning he will use to demonstrate the districts concerns about continuous chlorination.

1. The Board of Commissioners are committed to providing safe drinking water to their constituents which includes their friends and family.
2. Although chlorinated drinking water has been credited with singlehandedly eliminating waterborne disease, *there is very little data showing that a disinfection residual in the distribution system has prevented waterborne outbreaks* (Professor Fernando Rosairo-Ortiz, University of Colorado).
3. There is a growing catalog of evidence, (Water Treatment Contaminants – Forgotten Toxins in American Water, Environmental Working Group February 2013), that chlorinated drinking water create disinfection byproducts that may cause thousands of cases of bladder cancer every year. These chemicals have also been linked to colon and rectal cancer, birth defects, low birth weight, and miscarriage.

The general manager will propose a plan that includes adopting and implementing alternative effective safeguards for the distribution system in lieu of continuous chlorination. The alternative safeguards are discussed in an article (Can Drinking Water Be Delivered Without Disinfectants Like Chlorine and Still Be Safe?) published by The Conversation US (an independent, nonprofit news for the academic and research community). The alternate safeguards will include administration, operation, and maintenance policy and procedure improvements.

There was discussion about the meeting coordination and participation.

VI. Board Member Comments

None

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Ripley adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Brian Sheldon, Commissioner

Position #1



Gwen Brake, Commissioner

Position #2



Glenn Ripley, Commissioner

Position #3

Respectfully submitted for review and approval by:



Bill Neal,
General Manager

Bear witness to reference the Commissioner's signatures, does hereby approve this set of Minutes to become an Official Record of North Beach Water District on:

Date: 10/21/2019