

**Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2022

Opening: Siri Erickson-Brown called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. via Video Conference Call.

1. Siri Erickson-Brown (Commissioner Position #1) and David Haakenson (Commissioner Position #2) took oath of office per RCW 87.03.082. Question from Board on officer selection. Staff will provide more information in the February meeting.

Commissioners present: Siri Erickson-Brown, Meredith Molli, Andrew Stout, David Haakenson

Commissioners absent: Daniel Royal

Others present: Erin Ericson (staff), Dr. Se-Yeun Lee, Ruby Ranoa, Lailan Uy, Jazmine Patten (Seattle University)

2. Motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved 4:0.
3. Consent agenda approved 4:0.
4. Public comment: none.
5. The Seattle University team composed of Dr. Se-Yeun Lee, Ruby Ranoa, Lailan Uy, and Jazmine Patten presented their research methodology and current status of the capstone project evaluating the impacts of pond levelers on beaver dam flow and overtopping frequency.
6. Irrigation Program Update
 - a. The 2022 water bank status was presented by staff. Staff recommended the water leasing rates remain the same as 2021 at \$125/acre-foot of leased water. The Board requested this be presented at the February meeting.
 - b. The possible next steps resulting from the results of the comprehensive water storage study were reviewed, including the analysis of the timber cost/acre. The Board agreed it will be worthwhile to spend WID general funds to spend times this year to pursue this task.
7. Drainage Program Update

- a. Revised Technical Services Agreement for Basin 1 Pup. The Board requested that staff follow up with King County Stormwater Services staff to determine if the permitting of the Basin 1 pump station replacement could be pursued through the Agency Review Team (ART) process at King County Permitting. Staff will follow up on this request and bring to the February meeting.
 - b. The formation of Local Improvement Districts was reviewed and determined that staff will follow up with a request to counsel for development of a memo presenting the possible legal options.
8. Admin:
- a. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-01: Appointment of Agent to Receive Claims for Damages (RCW 4.96.020) was made, seconded, and approved 4:0.
 - b. the 2022 budget was made, seconded and approved 4:0.
 - c. A meeting to canvass the election results per RCW 87.03.105 was scheduled with the Board for Monday, December 20, 2022.
9. Staff Report. Staff provided additional information on the Riparian buffer legislation, the opportunity to provide comments to FEMA on floodplain development, and the need to revise the existing office agreement with SVPA.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm.