**4-23-2025 Dallesport Water District Agenda Minutes**

**2:30 PM Call Meeting to Order Commissioner Clark called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM**

**On the table at the door there is a sign in sheet and a sheet to sign up to speak during public comment.**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Dallesport Water District is a public utility operating in the State of Washington pursuant to and in compliance with the Regulatory Codes of Washington and Washington Administrative Codes. They begin with RCW. 80.28 and WAC 480 but are not limited to those sections.

Public Service Announcement: The Dallesport Water District has not authorized any Facebook pages. Dallesport Water District may in some cases have a Commissioner post on behalf of the district to help spread information, such as water outages. All inquiries should be directed to [www.dwdclerk@dallesportwater.org](http://www.dwdclerk@dallesportwater.org), on our website you can send us an email, or our phone numbers are as follows:

**DWD Clerk: 541-980-6514**

**Emergency: 541-980-6756**

**Roll Call: Mr. Clark X Mr. Morris X Mr. Peppel X**

**Quorum: Yes X No**

**Any Changes to Agenda: Clark N Morris N Peppel N**

**Agenda Approved: Yes X No**

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Acknowledgement of** March 2025 Electronic Fund Transfers:

March 2025 electronic funds transfer total: $9,092.00

This transfer includes Retirement Taxes, Payroll Taxes, and monthly Excise Tax.

**March 2025 Profit and Loss by Class and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Review**

**Any Questions:**

**Commissioner Clark N Commissioner Morris N Commissioner Peppel N**

**Have the Commissioners reviewed the minutes**

**Commissioner Clark Y Commissioner Morris Y Commissioner Peppel Y**

**Motion for Acceptance of March** 26, 2025 minutes.

**Motion: Mr. Clark Mr. Morris X Mr. Peppel**

**Second: Mr. Clark Mr. Morris Mr. Peppel X**

**Roll Call: Mr. Clark X Mr. Morris X Mr. Peppel X**

**Accepted: pass X fail unanimous X**

**CGRA FIRE LINE and WELL CONTRACT UPDATE: Mr. Morris Deferral**

**Project Committee Update: Mr. Clark**

**Contract Update: Mr. Peppel**

**DWD Managers Report Read by Manager Dixon: Phase 2 for the Airport has started**

**Flushed Murdock’s backup well**

**Started mowing- lawn mower keeps breaking down**

**Murdock Managers Report:**

**Public Comment: Chairman will call on the public that has signed up to speak.**

**Opening**  
Bill Clark opened the meeting and invited Commissioner Lori Zoller to speak first.

**Commissioner Zoller’s Update**  
Commissioner Zoller announced that the PUD has agreed to release the long-awaited funding. She presented a new agreement requiring DWD’s approval before the PUD can proceed. This agreement would nullify all prior agreements and include new conditions. She emphasized that the agreement is complex and involves unresolved legal issues.

Zoller stated this is the first step toward transferring the County’s 50% water rights from the Airport well to the Dallesport well field. She expressed urgency in resolving the treatment vessels issue.

Scott Dixon supported the need for the vessels but questioned the fairness of the new agreement, especially since DWD originally paid for the water in 2012. He reminded Zoller that all successor entities are responsible for upholding existing agreements.

Dixon also reiterated that DWD has a valid 2018 agreement and has not applied for a new one. He emphasized that the County PA and City Attorney are not the appropriate legal authorities—Steven Ositt, the FAA attorney of record, is.

**Concerns from the Board**  
Staff had not received the proposed agreement in advance and had no time to review it.  
WJ Morris stated he could not sign the new agreement as it would violate previous agreements and Washington State law. He added that this matter would need to be discussed in executive session.

**Commissioner Zoller’s Position**  
Zoller stated that if DWD refuses to sign the agreement, the matter would be turned over to legal counsel. She claimed DWD is not a necessary party and that the issue is strictly between the County and the City. She then left the meeting for another appointment.

**Further Discussion**  
Bill Clark asked about oversight of the Airport Manager. Robert Brown noted that Zoller was still nearby and brought her back into the meeting. When asked again about oversight, Zoller confirmed she is responsible for the Airport Manager and is working closely with the City Manager. She left the meeting shortly thereafter.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dallesport Water District Commission shall be on Wednesday May 28, 2025 (5-28-25) at 2:30 PM at the Dallesport Community Center.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

**Motion: Mr. Clark Mr. Morris X Mr. Peppel**

**Second: Mr. Clark X Mr. Morris Mr. Peppel**

**Roll Call: Mr. Clark X Mr. Morris X Mr. Peppel X**

**Accepted: pass X fail unanimous X**

**Meeting adjourn time: 3:20 PM. By Commissioner: Commissioner Clark**

**Executive Session:**

**Start time:\_3:30 PM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Brief description of discussion:**

**Correspondence**

**Discussion regarding letter from county commissioner on land fill grant**

**Discussion regarding letter from the City of the Dalles attorney regarding airport well agreement**

**End time: 4:11 PM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**