

Whatcom County Water District #7

Commissioner Meeting

14 July 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Whatcom County Water District #7 was held on 14th July 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners present were Mark Lann, George Kaas & Tessa Ebbesen, also present were Dave Olson, Operations Manager, & Deanna Dobbs, Office Manager

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion: George the Board of Commissioners hereby approve Minutes of June 9th, 2026.

Claims and Payroll in the total amount of \$489,409.24.

2nd: Tessa Motion Carried.

Adjustments:

Past Due Report:

Past Due list was reviewed.

Financials:

Financial details attached to these minutes were reviewed.

Operations Report:

No Report

Public Comment: Public Comment: Opened at 5:12 p.m.

There were (3) Attendees, (1) from 1877 & (2) from 1876 Academy Rd.

The public comment portion of the meeting was closed at 5:27 p.m.

Attendees expressed concerns regarding a lack of District transparency related to the current District Capital Projects of Academy Road and Toad Lake Road Water Main Replacements. The District acknowledged the concerns of

Frustration – Feelings of being unnotified.

Validation – Wanting more notifications to the specific project(s)

Clarify – Feedback of how the District shares information.

Old Business:

Capital Projects –Toad Lake Water Main Replacement Project Is on Schedule – The New Water Mainline has been installed and is being tested. Service tie-in to existing meters and mainline connections will take place over the next three weeks. Academy Water Main Replacement Project is On Schedule – The new Water Mainline is about 50% installed.

NSS Group Triple Net –

NSS Group and the District reached a mutual agreement on Wednesday June 10th the agreement resolves the dispute regarding outstanding 2024 Triple Net (NNN) Operating Expenses originally totaling \$3430.94. The NSS Group accepted a flat, lump sum of \$1715.47 from Water District 7, this payment represents full and final satisfaction of all disputed 2024 Triple Net Expenses (NNN) and has fully released each party from any further liability, claims or demands arising from or related to the 2024 NNN Expense.

New Business:

The Commissioners reviewed the comments received during the open public meeting comment period. The commissioners followed up with staff to confirm that last year a general mailing was sent to the entire district customer base and another notice was included in the annual Consumer Confidence Notice sent to all customers. A direct mailing was also sent specifically to the Toad Lake and Academy customers about two months ago with the general construction information and schedule for the summer. It was also noted in the most recent direct mailing to Toad Lake and Academy customers that customers would be notified before any planned water main outages and also individually the day before each residence is transferred from the old water main to the new water main.

Water Availability request for an ADU at Jimi Hendrix Way Property ID #56833 which is lots 23 & 24 combined as of June 1992. Per the District ILA with the City of Bellingham the District agrees it will not sell or resell water for any use other than single-family dwellings on lots of record as of July 1, 1991, unless approved by the City of Bellingham. In this case the lots were combined after July 1, 1991, and is only entitled to serve one (1) lot without the Cities approval. The District submitted a request for approval to serve two dwellings on one lot and received approval from City of Bellingham to serve the existing residence and one ADU.

Motion: Mark the Board of Commissioners hereby approve water availability for an ADU on Jimi Hendrix Way Property ID #56833.

2nd: Tessa Motion Carried.

Water Availability **Denial** – Property ID #57751 Squalicum Mountain
Property Owner has requested a Water Denial for an adjacent existing property of his now existing home currently served by a well. The District has advised the Customer of the District's Policy requiring an Easement Agreement and Service Agreement. The District prepared a draft of both documents and due to conflicting legal descriptions found in preparation of the documents, the District submitted the draft documents to the District's Legal Counsel for review. Once the District the final documents back from Legal Counsel, the documents will be executed by all parties and recorded.
Motion: George the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the President to execute the Easement Agreement and Service Agreement upon approval by the District's Legal Counsel.

2nd: Tessa Motion Carried.

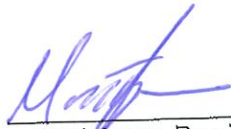
Colacurcio Brothers, Inc. - Request for Approval of Draw Request No. 1 for Capital Projects – Toad Lake Road Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$426,085.82

Motion: Mark the Board of Commissioners hereby approve Draw Request No. 1 for Capital Projects – Toad Lake Road Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$426,085.82

2nd: George Motion Carried.

Medical & Dental Employee Benefit and related Policy are to be discussed in Executive Session at the next regular Commissioner Meeting on August 11th. 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
The next meeting will be held on 11th August 2026.



Mark Lann, President



George Kaas, Commissioner



Tessa Ebbesen, Commissioner