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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 12 pm, Goldstream Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan (Chair); J. Rogers (V. Chair) (EP); G. Baird (EP); M. Hicks (EP); K. Kahakauwila (EP); E. Logins (EP); L. Szpak; R. Wade (EP)
Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; J. Marr, Manager, Water Distribution & Planning; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS:

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Logan provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone back after the summer and stated that he hoped everyone was well rested and ready to continue the good work that this Commission does.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. Water Supply Outlook [Verbal]

T. Robbins stated that it's been a hot dry summer with record temperatures and that even into September daily demand continues to be in the 170 to 180 mega liters per day range and the September average is 150 mega liters per day. Demand should begin to slow over the next couple of weeks as cooler temperatures move in.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Budget impacts due to increased sales from the higher than normal water usage this summer.
- Available water flows to support hatchery and fish streams. Water has continued to be released throughout the summer.
- Request from the Commission to post the water release volumes in the weekly water watch reports.
- Aquifer water levels versus Sooke Lake Reservoir water levels and whether there is any relationship, there is no information to confirm that Sooke Lake Reservoir is connected to the aquifers.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Rocky Point Water Upgrades Tender – Recommendation to Award

I. Jesney provided a summary of the report as circulated in the agenda package.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Price variance between the two bidders which could be reflective of higher costs of materials and supplies.
- Any budget surplus at the end of a project is put back into the capital reserve fund for the service.

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission approves the award of Contract 2019-537, Rocky Point Water Upgrades, to Industria Construction Corp. in the amount of \$7,927,793.44 plus GST.

CARRIED

7.2. Summary of Other Water Commission Recommendations

Staff was asked to provide an update on the once-through-cooling motion that was passed at the last Regional Water Supply Commission meeting. Staff advised that the recommendation included \$20,000 funding for a rebate program. Staff will be preparing a report that will outline how the rebate program would be implemented, what the rebate would be set at as well as the most recent information on how many once-through-cooling units are in service in the region.

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the Summary of other Water Commission recommendations be received for information.

CARRIED

7.3. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the August 30, 2021 water watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the September 7, 2021 meeting be adjourned at 12:30 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY