

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: President, John Barofsky; Vice President, Mindy Schlossberg; and Commissioners Sonya Carlson, John Brown, and Tim Morris

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present:

Frank Lawson, EWEB General Manager; Lisa Krentz, Generation Manager; Jason Heuser, Public Policy and Government Affairs Program Manager (online); Mike Masters, Water Operations Manager; Chris Irvin, Water Engineering Supervisor; Nathan Endicott, Water Staff Engineer; Jeannine Parisi, Resiliency Program Manager; Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst

REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order [00:01:10]

President John Barofsky called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Check [00:01:16]

There were no changes to the agenda.

Items from Board Members and General Manager [00:01:21]

Vice President Schlossberg reported an unusual number of customers who reported their bills' true up was a shock, which caused a bit of mistrust, and she hoped EWEB could review previous years of usage to determine whether adjustments were needed. She added that smart meters would be installed upriver.

Commissioner Brown said he did not see a lot of money spent on the lower river, but as the McKenzie Report reflected, there were problems and challenges at the intake area of the McKenzie River. He said he would like to see an EWEB board agenda within the next 24 months to address better funding of lower river restoration.

Commissioner Carlson referred to the comments of Vice President Schlossberg and suggested adjusting the estimated use formula. She asked about EWEB's disconnect notice and timing and asked if other Commissioners had similar questions or an interest in reviewing that issue.

Responding to Commissioner Carlson's comment, Mr. Lawson asked if her interest was in reviewing the messaging or in discussing the corrective sequence, which EWEB modeled after best practices. He said he was happy to work with commissioners and where recommendations reflected a change in the overall policy, it would be brought to a board meeting.

Commissioner Carlson said she would review the matter and work with staff, then forward a recommendation. Mr. Lawson added he was happy to work with her individually as well.

Correspondence (attachments) [00:09:29]

- Addressing Customer Concerns Re: Higher Bills
- Annual Power Market, Budget Hedging, and Generation Update
- Annual Report on Power Trading Compliance
- EWEB's Collection Process and Late Fees
- Pentachlorophenol Plume Report
- State Legislative Update

Mr. Lawson brought to the Board's attention six items of correspondence. He said the Pentachlorophenol Plume Report, would be included in EWEB's State of the Watershed Report starting next year.

Mr. Heuser responded to questions from Commissioner Carlson regarding the State Legislative Update.

Commissioner Morris shared that he and Commissioner Carlson visited the Oregon Legislature on March 10th and met with the Lane County delegation. He stated he was supportive of looking into the Late Fee Notice timing.

Public Input [00:16:05]

The following testimony was provided to the EWEB Commissioners: The Board neither endorses or opposes, or is responsible for the accuracy of content, of testimony including any links or references provided.

1. Eric Dziura, a resident of Ward 6 and an EWEB customer, referred to a recent article on EWEB's website that reflected EWEB practices relating to fish preservation. He opined the article seemed heavy handed. He referenced the Northwest Regional Power Load forecast and stated that after reading the executive summary, it was helpful to learn more about EWEB's operations. He said he was grateful EWEB paid close attention to future power needs in Eugene. He added he was impressed with EWEB, while concerned whether EWEB would be able to implement the necessary technical solutions.

2. Eli Tome, an EWEB customer and Director of Conservation for the McKenzie River Trust, thanked the Board for its partnership, and for the work of staff Susan Fricke and her team. He said equipment would be mobilized this summer in Quartz Creek to install a filter to tackle sediment producers and improve salmon habitat and similar plans would be put in place at Gate Creek. He added that the McKenzie River Trust would work to improve forest management planning through the acquisition of land and partnerships.

3. Jared Weybright a resident of Ward 1, and an EWEB customer, and Executive Director of the McKinzie Watershed Council, concurred with the comments of Eli Tome and cited his appreciation of EWEB activities in the aftermath of the Holiday Fire. He said the Council could not have been as successful without EWEB's support and leadership and grant management. He highlighted the significance of EWEB in conservation beyond the McKenzie River and hoped that EWEB would continue to be a partner for at least the next five years as the Council diversified its funding.

4. Diane Bernal, a resident of Cedar Flat and EWEB customer, cited concern with problems in EWEB performing accurate meter readings, thereby leading to estimated bills. She said not only were erroneous higher bills a hardship on the customer, but users could not learn to change their utility use without accurate estimates of that use. She said she calculated EWEB's accuracy on her bills, and in one case it was off by 50%. She suggested customers want to help EWEB, and asked if EWEB could allow customers to send the meter readings via email.

5. Marie Latino, a resident of Cedar Flat and an EWEB customer, concurred with comments made by the previous speaker and cited examples of extreme variations in her bills, for reasons that she could not explain. She said she paid the bills, but as a retiree she needed to trust that EWEB had accurate estimates of usage. She suggested an IT-generated alert or a safe stop when usage exceeded a 20% difference. She endorsed the suggestion to allow customers to send in a photo of the readings and would be interested in helping EWEB find solutions.

Commissioner Carlson asked if the new system and smart meters would enable customers to see their bills in real time and set up an alert to notify them of a high bill.

Mr. Lawson stated he shared the commenters' desire for accurate and trustworthy metering and billing processes. He said the new system would have more potential to implement different algorithms for tracking usage. He said that avoiding estimations is the ultimate solution through improved metering, as metering opens the possibility for other types of alerts, like we have for leak detection on the water side, which looks at unusual patterns of consumption. He added that in the case of the higher bills, EWEB customer service staff provided extra time to pay the bills.

Commissioner Carlson said she appreciated the system being able to send an alert and asked if that were possible during an extended power outage.

Mr. Lawson replied that metering systems have a temporary means of storing certain data and staff would review this option when programming the meters.

Vice President Schlossberg affirmed that smart meters would eliminate a great amount of uncertainty and create a real time read. She asked what the timeline was for the installation of the meters upriver, and whether a summer outreach campaign could be done in the area about meter readings if the smart meters were not installed by then.

Mr. Lawson replied that the latest schedule forecasted that the meters would be installed in 2025, and he would confirm with staff regarding communications with customers in the McKenzie Valley.

Commissioner Morris thanked those who provided public comment and stated he also had a lot of questions about smart metering, and he looked forward to receiving more information.

Commissioner Brown thanked those who provided public comment and stated he would support the McKenzie River agenda action item.

President Barofsky thanked Eli and Jared for their work associated with the Gate Creek/McKenzie River agenda action item. He noted EWEB was not providing ratepayer

funding but were facilitating the grants provided for the work and reflected a good partnership. He said he was encouraged about the land acquisition, and that Gate Creek in particular needed protection and enhancement as it had been commercially logged for some time then impacted further by the Holiday Farm fire. He said he was encouraged by the McKenzie River Trust moving forward to review forestry practices to enhance the watershed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Jacobs dba CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. [00:43:44] For approval of additional funds for Engineering Services at Carmen-Smith Upstream Fish Passage Project. \$3,280,000 (includes \$1.85 million spend over last approval) based on Request for Proposals. (Original Contact Amount \$10 million, Additional Previously Approved \$5 million, Resulting Cumulative Total including spend over last approval \$18,280,000.) (attachment).

Mr. Lawson noted that some procurement requests are pulled from the Consent Calendar and reviewed separately because of increased public interest or monetary value. He said this was one such case and introduced Lisa Krentz to provide additional information.

Ms. Krentz stated the amendment would provide approximately \$3.3 million in additional funds for design changes relating to Trail Bridge Reservoir sinkholes and permanent fishway passage spillway improvements. She described the many other projects and activities covered by the larger \$18 million contract.

Ms. Krentz and Mr. Lawson responded to questions from Commissioners.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE \$3,280,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AT CARMEN-SMITH UPSTREAM FISH PASSAGE PROJECT.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris voting in favor, with no abstentions.

Approval of Consent Calendar A – Minutes and Routine Contracts (attachments) [01:01:45]

MINUTES

1. a. March 4, 2025, Regular Session
- b. March 18, 2025, Executive Session
- c. March 18, 2025, Work Session

CONTRACTS

2. **Brink Brothers Inc.** – for Field Mowing Services. \$500,000 (estimated over 5-year period – initial term is one year) based on Formal Request for Proposals.
3. **Peterson Power Systems** – for use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of a Caterpillar XQ330 - 264kW Generator. \$234,00 (one-time).

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR A.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris voting in favor, with no abstentions.

Approval of Consent Calendar – B, Nonroutine Contracts and Other Consent Items (attachments) [01:02:02]

CONTRACTS

4. **capSpire, Inc.** – for additional funds for Commodity Transaction and Risk Management (CTRM) Support Services. \$320,000 (includes \$18,440 spend over last approval) based on Direct Negotiation. (Original Contract Amount \$500,000, Resulting Cumulative Total \$820,000).
5. **Hermosa Beach Consulting Group LLC** – for a contract and additional funds for SAP Controls Implementation and Advisory Services. \$165,000 based on Direct Negotiation. (Original Contract Amount not previously approved by the Board \$139,200, Cumulative Total includes Original Contract Amount plus an increase of \$25,800).
6. **Pacific Excavation** - for Site Preparation Work at the Carmen-Smith Load Bank Project. \$737,000 based on Formal Invitation to Bid.
7. **Wildish Building Company** - for a Construction Task Order for installation of a debris boom. \$1,767,000 based on Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Guaranteed Maximum Price.
8. **Wildish Building Company** - for a Construction Task Order for the Reconstruction of the Carmen Reservoir Recreation Area and Beaver Marsh Wildlife Observation Site. \$1,265,000 based on Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Guaranteed Maximum Price.

OTHER

9. **McKenzie River Trust (MRT)** – for the use of additional grant funding under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to support the MRT in the Acquisition and Management of approximately 174-Acres of Land in the Gate Creek Watershed near Vida, Oregon. \$600,000 based on Direct Negotiation/MOA. (Original Contract Amount \$1.5 million, Additional Previously Approved \$400,000, Cumulative Total \$2.5 million).

RESOLUTIONS

10. **Resolution No. 2505** - Amendment to Joint Ownership Agreement for Harvest Wind Project.
11. **Resolution No. 2506** - Bylaw Amendment.

12. Resolution No. 2507 - Board Policy Amendments.

Commissioner Carlson requested that Resolution 2507 be pulled from the consent calendar.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CARLSON MOVED TO ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR B WITHOUT RESOLUTION 2507.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor, and no abstentions.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR [01:02:36]
Resolution No. 2507 - Board Policy Amendments.**

Commissioner Carlson asked two questions:

1. Regarding Board Policy GP8, she asked whether the policy would have to be amended each time a new media organization requested access to EWEB executive sessions. Staff replied no, that EWEB has a process in place to track media requests and allow for its approval and notification to staff, such as Security.

2. Regarding Board Policy GP11, she asked whether EWEB tracked the extent to which electronic bill payers opened the link to view bill stuffer detail. She stated she would appreciate seeing the percentage of people receiving electronic billings versus paper bills.

Mr. Lawson stated he would provide an update relating to paper and electronic bill recipients. He added that the GP11 policy was initiated many years ago and related primarily to controlling the content of direct mailing not related to EWEB business.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CARLSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2507.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor, and no abstentions.

City of Eugene Liaison Update [01:06:28]

President Barofsky reported on the meeting he attended with Vice President Schlossberg, Mr. Lawson, the Eugene Mayor, the Eugene City Council President, and the City Manager. He said the meeting included new attendees and highlighted the following issues: College Hill, City of Eugene Fire Fee, Fire Hydrants, Bonneville, and the change in new Federal administration. He said they discussed additional topics contained in tonight's Board meeting packet including the Climate Guidebook and the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and discussed how they might jointly broaden outreach in the community.

Vice President Schlossberg concurred with President Barofsky and commented it was a good first meeting that revealed places of overlap and how they could assist each other.

Commissioner Brown said he assumed there was no commitment to take on the maintenance of fire hydrants, since important information about maintenance and cost estimates was needed. He asked about EWEB being the collection agency for the City Fire Fee.

Mr. Lawson replied it was premature to decide whether EWEB would be a collection agency for the Fire Fee. He commented that the City currently owned the fire hydrants, although many utilities own fire hydrants. He added that staff developed risk assessments which he has not reviewed yet and added that one of the considerations would include the impact on rates if EWEB were to take on the maintenance of fire hydrants. He said there may be long term value for the community and that he had a preliminary discussion with Eugene's Public Works Director and City Manager. He said he would bring the issue to the Board.

Vice President Schlossberg commented they would not make any decisions with the City before bringing it to the Board.

Mr. Lawson noted another topic discussed at the Liaison meeting; EWEB's Public Facilities Plan associated with the potential new water filtration plant in Glenwood.

City of Eugene Fire Fee – EWEB Billing & Collection – Information Only [01:13:48]

President Barofsky advised the fee had been referred to a ballot referendum and staff were obligated to take a neutral position on the matter related to any comments.

Mr. Lawson remarked that public *elected* officials can weigh in regarding billing and collections, but as a public employee he was not allowed to make statements that could influence the outcome of an item referred to voters. He added he would prefer to have a record of the questions posed by the Board so he could prepare a staff response. He noted that under the City Charter, EWEB was obligated to collect stormwater and sewer fees but any billing collections beyond that would be a decision made by the Board.

Vice President Schlossberg opined it was important to understand what belonged on an EWEB bill, whether a policy existed or should be adopted, before a Fire Fee billing decision was made.

Commissioner Carlson agreed with Vice President Schlossberg and opined that a decision seemed premature at this point.

Vice President Schlossberg suggested the Board distance itself from the merits of the fee itself and concentrate instead on whether it should be collected by an EWEB bill.

Commissioner Brown agreed the topic warranted discussion about whether the new billing system would be able to accommodate the flexibility that the Fire Fee might require. He asked if a customer's power could be cut off if they didn't pay it. Mr. Lawson replied that in cases where partial payment was received on the bill, all amounts owed received an apportioned payment.

Commissioner Morris concurred with Vice President Schlossberg about not diving into the pros and cons of the fee itself and review the impact on EWEB and other partners.

President Barofsky concurred with Vice President Schlossberg and suggested that going forward he would like to determine the pros and cons of the billing impact on customers, EWEB's infrastructure, future plans, and the community. He suggested billing decisions may be best decided on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Lawson replied he would work on a staff response. He opined the City Council had a sense of urgency regarding implementing collection once the disposition of the fee is known. He said the Board had three decision mechanisms regarding billing decisions such as this. He said the Board could take a position for or against, they could enact a Resolution that would capture the long-term rationale of their decision, or they could adopt a policy which was longer lasting.

Commissioner Brown asked if a Charter Amendment was necessary. Mr. Lawson replied it was not. Referring to the timeline, he said the City Council could call a special election in August or let it go on the regularly scheduled November ballot.

Organizational Goal #6 – Water Master Plan Update (attachment) [01:35:08]

Mike Masters highlighted the regulatory framework of the Water Master Plan, and said a new element was the inclusion of a seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan component to EWEB's Capital Improvement Program. He added the plan would be submitted to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). He provided a slide presentation to illustrate the 10-year reporting cycle and introduced Chris Irvin to highlight progress made since the 2015 Plan report and Nathan Endicott to discuss next steps.

Mr. Irvin identified key projects including:

- Hayden Bridge filtration plant improvements
- Forecasts for the new Willamette water filtration plant
- Base Level Water Storage expansions and replacements
- Several new connected transmission projects
- Development of seven Emergency Water Stations
- Rehabilitation and replacement of pipelines and pump stations

Mr. Endicott discussed 20-year water demand forecasts and collaborative work with City of Eugene Public Works Department. He said this Master Plan will focus on optimizing existing facilities to meet projected water demands. He said the final review of the Master Plan would extend into 2026 and would include community engagement with neighborhood associations, website updates, and EWEB newsletter updates. He said the next plan would include additional information on resiliency plan findings.

Commissioner Brown referenced the location of the Amazon distribution center that is going in the Airport Road vicinity, noting its high volume fire flow demands, and asked whether EWEB would retain the capacity to serve new development on designated industrial land on Clear Lake Road. Mr. Endicott replied yes that the master plan did provide for this capacity.

Commissioner Brown asked about the riverbed line crossing project. Staff provided information on the projected locations and said that geological plans would guide the rehabilitation of the lines, and that EWEB had received two FEMA grants for this purpose.

Commissioner Carlson cited her concern about whether large numbers of people could effectively travel to the emergency water stations.

Mr. Lawson said traffic management plans were also considered and additional evaluations would occur. He suggested the possible use of water storage trailers and additional mobile access options.

President Barofsky thanked staff for the presentations and asked four questions:

1. He asked why a water demand spike was assumed for 2035. Staff responded that they made an assumption about wholesale water supply for a hypothetical scenario, as part of their evaluation process.
2. He asked about Knickerbocker Bridge resiliency, whether a rebuild was necessary, and whether to speak with their City partners on the subject. Staff responded their recommendation was to make improvements to the bridge in place and consider building a tunnel underneath. They added there were challenges in either rebuilding the bridge or replacing the bridge.
3. He asked why ten fire stations were considered resilient. Staff replied they met with the Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief and narrowed it down to two after consideration of the placement of fire hydrants that could be used to fill their trucks.
4. He asked whether the plan would be adopted in early 2026, and said he was concerned the timing may conflict with the SDC methodology being considered by EWEB. Mr. Lawson replied that first, the Board needed to develop the SDC methodology principles and policies which would then be tested by applying it to the next updates based upon the master plan. He said it was important for the Board to first adopt the SDC policy.

**Climate Guidebook / Annual GHG Inventory Update (Board Policy SD15) (attachment)
[02:14:36]**

Kelly Hoell provided a slide presentation to highlight chapters 1, 4, 5, and 6 of the Climate Guidebook.

Chapter 1 - Public Outreach and Customer Survey results.

Chapter 4 – Customer Decarbonization - Transportation Electrification and Energy Efficiency trends.

Chapter 5 - Climate Impacts on EWEB - Resiliency and Adaptation.

Chapter 6 – Internal Operations - Greenhouse Gas Inventory Results for 2024. She stated the emission reduction goals had been consistently met and said there were 55% emission reductions over the baseline in 2024. She noted the accounting principles for tracking EWEB assets such as their fleet and their buildings, including water treatment and pumping stations.

Ms. Hoell stated that in 2025, there were updates to Chapter 3 relating to the energy resource plan and the methodology used to evaluate greenhouse gas inventories.

Vice President Schlossberg asked about the effect on EWEB's incentive program that the 2024 reduction in the value of clean fuel credits had. Ms. Hoell replied that EWEB was reviewing

program priorities and referenced a memorandum on the subject provided last year. She stated this discussion would be continued.

Commissioner Carlson referred to Chapter 6 and asked how the use of concrete fits into the categories provided. Ms. Hoell replied that staff do not review the amount of concrete associated with capital projects or include it in the report, but it was considered for EWEB's buildings using the triple bottom line analysis. She added they collaborate on best practices with three other agencies.

Commissioner Carlson asked if fleet transportation emissions would be reduced due to additional smart meter installations. Ms. Hoell replied the Smart Meter Program was not fully implemented so there was still travel involved to read meters. She said although less meters were read, approximately the same travel was involved. Mr. Lawson added that the program was not fully deployed on the water side either. He said there were intermittent reads but that was expected to change over time upriver and on the water side.

President Barosky commented that Eugene Mayor Knudsen was interested in the topic and the Sustainability Commission may be interested in a presentation.

President Barofsky asked how EWEB planned for clean fuel credits in their budget. Mr. Lawson replied this was an area where they were relatively conservative within their budget, and they tracked changes frequently during the year.

President Barofsky stated the clean fuel credit value had been steady for years, and he hoped EWEB could temper the fluctuation in the budget to retain the program until it was sure the adverse impact would continue. He said the largest greenhouse emissions resulted from transportation and if the program were eliminated, it would not be what he wanted to see.

Mr. Lawson said the program was 1% of EWEB's budget and staff routinely reviewed all programs for their effectiveness.

Break. [02:54:58]

Wildfire Mitigation Compliance Plan Annual Update & Approval of Resolution No. 2508 (attachment) [03:02:04]

Jeannine Parisi provided a summary of recent years' work and described 2025 projects. She acknowledged that wildfire readiness was no longer seasonal and added that staff jointly trained with the Department of Forestry, had ramped up internal communications, and had leveraged watch duty services with webcam use. She said staff were seeking FEMA and City permit approval for the replacement of 1000 feet of distribution lines in natural areas of southwest Eugene. She said that if funded, the work would be conducted in late summer and fall and include a neighborhood outreach program.

Ms. Parisi forecasted several customer related preparedness events, and said EWEB was ramping up a summer awareness campaign, especially for those who were medically dependent on power. She noted there was an enrollment plan for a program which would offer

direct contact in case of emergency to persons or their caregivers to ensure they had a safety plan. She added a consultant was used to provide a fire risk assessment and she explained the methodology of a *wildfire threat index* in the Eugene city limits and upriver.

Commissioner Carlson referred to upriver outages and the EWEB generator program. She asked if generators posed a risk, and the extent to which EWEB informs customers. Ms. Parisi replied that EWEB provides messaging for customers that includes the safe use of generators.

President Barofsky said that there would be an upriver meeting in May which could be used to share information about the medical opt-in program. He asked if there were any other opt-in alert programs, for example a text alert program. Ms. Parisi replied that the enhanced support program was aimed at people who were medically reliant on power and EWEB did not presently have an opt-in emergency notification program, like LaneAlert, but it was in her work plan for 2025 and could include boil water notices.

Commissioner Morris asked if EWEB had reached out to the medical community regarding EWEB's opt-in medical needs program. Ms. Parisi replied, no as the program was piloted last year but there were opportunities to grow the program.

Mr. Lawson affirmed that PSPS had received quite a bit of news coverage, and there are related considerations, such as risks affecting traffic controls and communications.

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT SCHLOSSBERG MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2508, EWEB'S 2025 WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMPLIANCE PLAN.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor, and no abstentions.

General Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation & Merit Compensation Discussion for Prior Year (No background memo) [03:28:40]

Board President Barofsky referred to the Board's Executive Session on this matter.

Commissioner Brown lauded the leadership of Mr. Lawson and said he appreciated that Mr. Lawson surrounded himself with smart and capable people. He said Mr. Lawson had an existing compensation agreement, and the current discussion was whether to provide an additional merit or incentive adjustment.

Commissioner Carlson concurred with the remarks of Commissioner Brown.

Vice President Schlossberg said she appreciated Mr. Lawson's engagement and enthusiasm.

Commissioner Morris echoed the sentiments and lauded Mr. Lawson's knack for clarifying the work for layman Board members.

President Barofsky lauded Mr. Lawson's relationship with Board leadership.

Mr. Lawson replied that his performance reflected the organization's 2024 accomplishments, and added it was a tough year where nothing seemed to come easy and credited the persistence of staff and the Board.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO PROVIDE GENERAL MANAGER LAWSON A \$10,000 PERFORMANCE BONUS.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0; President Barofsky, Vice President Schlossberg, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor, and no abstentions.

Future Board Agendas [03:41:23]

Mr. Lawson stated the work session in April would include a discussion of the latest quantitative assessments related to the Bonneville decision and noted the meeting plans upriver.

The following schedules were noted: President Barofsky said he would miss the September meeting. Vice President Schlossberg announced she would miss the June meeting. Commissioner Carlson announced she may miss a meeting in May and possibly the September 16 work session. Mr. Lawson said he would miss the June regular meeting but would attend the June BPA session.

Mr. Lawson forecasted there may be a discussion about the annual goals in May to clarify the focus, not to make wholesale changes.

Board Wrap Up [03:51:39]

Commissioner Carlson asked why EWEB's Customer Care Program did not spend its entire budget in 2024. She asked if EWEB had the flexibility to expend more of its budget if winter needed a higher response.

Mr. Lawson said he would investigate that, and there was some flexibility with the overall annual budget. He said he was in the process of reviewing the effectiveness of their limited income programs. Staff added that the budget was allocated in response to the number of applications that could be processed in a month.

Commissioner Carlson requested data on the number of applications received, accepted, and rejected, and whether the budget allocation was adjusted.

Adjourn [03:54:36]

President Barofsky noted the next meeting would be held April 15. He adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Recorded by Pam Berrian, LCOG

Assistant Secretary

President