

**SALLAL WATER ASSOCIATION  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
Minutes of Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting**

President Eric O'Brien called to order a special meeting of the membership on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:06 pm at the Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom Association's located at 37500 SE North Bend Way, Snoqualmie, WA 98065.

This meeting was called pursuant to a petition signed by more than ten percent of the members pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Sallal Water Association.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, Trustees Gerry Prior, Daylin Baker, Sheldon Lynn, Harold Ellebracht and Michael Thomas were present. Also present were Anne Herman (Sallal member), Denny Scott, Sallal Water Superintendent, Mary Nelson, Sallal Office Manager, Jessica Besso, Office Accountant, Ted Stonebridge, General Manager, Richard Jonson, Counsel and many members.

By count, a total of 115 memberships were represented in person including staff and Board members, and a total of 506 ballots were cast including proxy votes.

**PROOF OF NOTICE:** Mary Nelson confirmed mailing of the meeting notice to members on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the North Bend Post office and posting on the Sallal website. Mr. O'Brien verified that a quorum was present.

**BOARD INTRODUCTIONS:** All Board members, Anne Herman (Sallal member) and the General Manager introduced themselves.

**FOR THE BYLAW AMENDMENT:** Ms. Herman stated her reasons for drafting the amendment and circulating the petition and added that by voting yes for this amendment there will be more transparency, it will allow members to get more in-depth information about a future water supply contract and give the members a say in the contract.

**AGAINST THE BYLAW AMENDMENT:** Mr. O'Brien stated the Board's position in opposing the amendment and added that the Board was comprised of individuals with a mix of government and business experienced that were committed to protecting the interests of Sallal. He stated that Sallal and the City of North Bend have been working on a water supply contract for the past 12 years, the Board appreciates member input and if Sallal and the City agree on contract terms, the contract will be presented and explained to the members and the Board will listen to member input.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** Several questions were asked by individual members including concerns about the City of North Bend's desire to take over Sallal, the status of water supply contract negotiations between the City and the Association, if amendment passes will that prevent the Board from conducting regular business, if the amendment does not pass will Board sign a contract with North Bend, can North Bend come into Sallal's service area if Sallal has sufficient water, how open is the Board to working with North Bend and why did information about a supply contract with North Bend not come to light until last year? Ms. Herman and the Board members responded to each question.

At 8:40 pm, there being no further questions, Mr. O'Brien closed the member question segment of the meeting and directed that Sallal staff, with volunteer observers, prepare to count the ballots. He stated members were welcome to stay while ballots were being counted or look for the results to be posted on the Sallal website.

**MEMBER VOTE.** The members that had not already voted then cast their votes to approve or reject proposed bylaw amendment stated in the meeting notice:

President Eric O'Brien announced the vote totals. 204 voted approve (40%) and 302 voted reject (60%). A total of 506 votes were cast. At 10:44 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Stonebridge, General Manager