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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION,
Held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Conference Room, 479 Island
Highway, Victoria, BC**

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan

By WebEx: G. Baird; M. Hicks; K. Kahakauwila (12:45); J. Rogers; L. Szpak;
R. Wade (12:12)

Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure
Engineering; J. Marr, Manager, Water Distribution & Planning; D. Dionne
(Recorder)

REGRETS: E. Logins

1. CALL TO ORDER

T. Robbins called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T. Robbins provided the Territorial Acknowledgement

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Szpak nominated Commissioner Logan. Commissioner Logan accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for nominations a second time.

The General Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Logan Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022 by acclamation.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Logan called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Baird nominated Commissioner Rogers. Commissioner Rogers accepted the nomination.

Chair Logan called for nominations a second time.

Chair Logan called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Logan declared Commissioner Rogers Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022 by acclamation.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R. Wade joined the meeting.

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

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission adopt the resolution as presented.

1. That this resolution applies to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for the meetings being held between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
2. That the attendance of the public at the place of the meeting cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the Public Health Act, despite the best efforts of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, because:
 - a. The available meeting facilities cannot accommodate more than (8) people in person, including members of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and staff, and
 - b. There are no other facilities presently available that will allow physical attendance of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and the public in sufficient numbers; and
3. That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the open meeting by the following means:
 - a. By allowing the public to hear or participate via teleconference or electronic meeting software,
 - b. By providing notice of the meeting in newspaper or local notice Board, including the methods for providing written or electronic submissions,
 - c. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the notices provided in respect of the meeting,
 - d. By strongly encouraging the provision of, and subsequently receiving and distributing to members, written correspondence from the public in advance of the meeting, and
 - e. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the meeting.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Logan thanked the Commission for supporting him in the role of Chair of the Commission for another term. He acknowledged the dedication of the Commission members to their communities and stated his appreciation for the support and hard work of staff over the past couple of years.

9. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

9.1. PRESENTATIONS

No one registered to present.

9.2. DELEGATIONS

9.2.1. Delegation – Raymond Mew; Representing Mews Farms: RE: Agenda Item 11.1 Correspondence - Water Service on Finney Road (January 26, 2021)

Mr. Mew was joined by Mr. Mar. The delegation spoke to the proposal for having a water line extended down Finney Road in Langford, to provide water service to the farm lands along that road. They stated their concerns regarding:

- Lack of irrigation
- The need for food sustainability/security
- The long term development of the lands into sustainable farms
- The difficulty in having something in place for the 2021 farming season

The delegation responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Agricultural Land Commission documentation
- The length of the requested water line extension
- Consideration of well water for irrigation

10. COMMISSION BUSINESS

10.1. Major Capital Projects Update

I. Jesney spoke to the report providing an update on three major projects. He highlighted any changes in scope, budget, schedule and community impacts for each project.

Staff responded to questions from the commission regarding:

- The Goldstream Asbestos Cement pipe replacement, Project 20-07 and the proposed Main No. 4 replacement noting that they are similar in scope, however the two projects are being completed separately and are funded through two different services.
- The Strathmore Road main that failed in 2019 is not part of the Goldstream main, however it has similar age pipes and similar risks.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird

The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission receives this report for information.

CARRIED

10.2. Appointment of Representative to the Water Advisory Committee for 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak
That the Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission be appointed
as representative to the Water Advisory Committee for 2021.

CARRIED

10.3. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

The Commission congratulated Commissioner Szpak on her election to Chair of the
Regional Water Supply Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak
That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received
for information.

CARRIED

10.4. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers
That the January 25, 2020 Water Watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. Water Service on Finney Road (January 26, 2021)

K. Kahakauwila joined the meeting

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The Commission's support of food security and agriculture
- The agricultural water rate
- Supply of agricultural needs by way of existing policies
- The value of local farmers
- Cost responsibility of an extension

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wade
That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION ARISING:

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission directs staff to prepare a staff report
providing an assessment of feasibility and costs to extend a water line along Finney Road.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was none.

13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the February 2, 2021 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission meeting be
adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY