

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT

Utilities Division

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## UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES (DRAFT)

*Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> | 17:15pm  
2520 Barrett Ave. & Teleconference – Zoom*

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. *The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Board Chair Andrew Campbell*
- b. *Members Present: Andrew Campbell (teleconference), Elizabeth Pederson (teleconference), Geoff Larson, Grant Ritter, Janet Schempf (teleconference), Stuart Cohen*
- c. *Staff Present: Alan Steffert (teleconference), Chad Gubala (teleconference), Denise Koch, Brian McGuire, Ty Yamaoka*

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

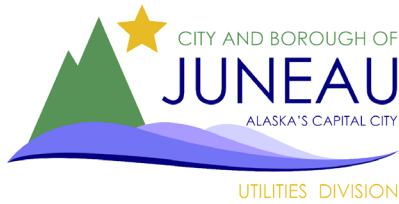
- a. *December 14, 2023 agenda was unanimously approved by the Board*

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON AGENDA ITEMS

### V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. *FOG Mailer Update*
  - i. *Brian gave a brief update on the FOG Mailer. He stated he wanted to make sure everyone received theirs. He stated we ordered about 10k for disbursement to CBJ homes.*
  - ii. *Stuart wanted to talk further about FOG. Noted that he and Chad had talked about burning FOG for heat and the potential benefits of burning FOG. He touched on some logistics such as providing containers for industrial users.*
  - iii. *Stuart wanted to ask if this is something the UAB and Utility staff wanted to explore and see if this was a viable possibility.*
  - iv. *Brian spoke to our current process for collecting FOG at HHW.*
  - v. *Chad touched on developing policy that are fair and equitable.*
  - vi. *Stuart asked how much FOG is costing the utility currently.*
  - vii. *Brian said that the WWC team has started tracking hour spent on FOG in Lucity.*
  - viii. *Geoff asked for staff for a one pager with volumetrics and sources. He spoke to how it would be beneficial for the UAB to have this information to compare how big the issue is and if it would be worth to reclaim.*
  - ix. *Grant asked if other cities have done FOG mitigation programs.*
- b. *Penstock Project Update*
  - i. *Brian started with AELP came to the September 14 UAB meeting and gave a presentation on the Penstock Upgrade*
  - ii. *Stuart asked if people complied.*
  - iii. *Brians answered that they did and it allowed us to recover the loss in the reservoir.*
- c. *Rate Increase Discussion (cont.)*



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- i. *Add Buffy's analysis to the January Meeting*
- d. *Legislative Priorities: FOG/Grit Project*
  - i. *Denise spoke to the process for Legislative Priorities and where we are on*
  - ii. *The board agreed to schedule a UAB Meeting ahead of their Regularly Scheduled Meeting on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM via Zoom to talk about FOG/Grit*
  - iii.
- e. *EPA Lead Line Removal Rule*
  - i. *Chad said 2024 will be a big year for potable water. There are multiple issues converging in the next year.*
  - ii. *LSLI*
  - iii. *Draft communications will be provided to the board in early 2024*
  - iv. *There may need to be some policy discussion about what we do about mitigation in this area.*
- f. *Utilities Updates*
  - i.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. *The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm*
- b. *Next meeting:*  
**UAB Meeting | January 11, 2024 | 17:15 | In Person & Teleconference**