

<b>Date</b>	<b>Feb 11, 2026</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Fire Hall upstairs</b>		
<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Trustees:</b> John Colongard JC (Vice Chair) Gary Friars GF Jennifer Moore JM <b>Regrets:</b> Ron Smith RS (Chair) Jane Waterman JW	<b>Staff:</b> Joseph Scott (Operations Manager, Recorder) JS Marianne Segers (Senior Water Operator) MS Mark Robert (Fire Chief, at 4pm) <b>Regrets:</b> Bernardo Reyes (Water Operator) BR Sandra Haszard (Administration) SH	<b>Public:</b>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Call to Order	JC	JC called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.	Noted
2. Welcome to Public Guests	JC	None	Info
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	JC	None	Info
4. Approve Agenda	JC	Agenda was approved as presented.	Moved JM 2 <sup>nd</sup> JM
5. Approve Minutes	JC	Last meetings minute's approved as amended.	Moved JW 2 <sup>nd</sup> GF
6. Safety Moment	MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None presented.</li> <li>Discussion regarding electric heaters overloading circuits and the fire in the RV park.</li> <li>Good signage is being used by Davis Ventures as they are the entity responsible for traffic control.</li> </ul>	Info
7. Water, Dam, & Operations Report	MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily testing and ionX full cycles by MS and TA.</li> <li>Dam inspected on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> by TA. All is OK. The water is above the spillway. The measuring gauge is working well.</li> <li>Erosion noted around the storage reservoir. Fortis sent a technician to divert water. More work is required.</li> <li>Backwash IonEX alternating. Each one every five days.</li> <li>The UV units took a team effort to resolve poor readings. Water quality notice was issued. Old lamps were re-installed to see if the issue was with the lamps.</li> <li>Power outage. Generator operated well.</li> <li>The use of 6% chlorine was seamless, now back to the regular 12%. The latest 12% delivery was tested and is OK. MS contacted Cleartech regarding direct shipping of chlorine. 20 litre "carboy" containers are the most economical but not easily handled by Operators. A chlorine pump would be required.</li> <li>MS had a meeting in Surrey with BiPure regarding the sand filter building. Very informative. New buildings are now modular in lieu of sea containers. A second meeting is scheduled with MS SW and BiPure focussing on upgrading our main screen panel.</li> <li>WTP alarms tended to in a timely manner.</li> </ul>	Info

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pin-hole leak was reported by a resident. MS repaired and the resident was invoiced per prior estimate.</li> </ul>	
8.	JC	Residents Speak: None	info
9. Old Business and Extended	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water leak on Blewett St has resolved itself. Perhaps from 2" steel line removed at Columbia St during meter installation.</li> <li>Meter Project               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43 meters installed, 82 for VAID to install</li> <li>Operators have been assembling meters/transmitters to be ready for installation by Davis Ventures and VAID staff.</li> <li>Lids are being continually painted and put in the field.</li> <li>Installation reports and checklists in place.</li> <li>There is good and frequent communication with AD and QG.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Truck battery died. JS contacted the mechanic re: warranty replacement. MS will not work on the truck.</li> <li>Petitions from ID's. JS emailed Chair's supplemental letter.</li> </ul>	Info
10. New Business	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express Lines:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Parcel Tax? Web-site link and appointments for office visit</li> <li>Meter project going well</li> <li>Watch for road work</li> <li>Thank-you to residents</li> <li>Fire department recruitment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Insulated trailer for potential new building. JS reviewed and recommended not to pursue it.</li> <li>MS requested change to job title to better reflect Fire Clerk work and Water Operator. Perhaps Admin Assist. Tabled to next meeting.</li> <li>TA three-month review scheduled for Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Live Fire (forest) fighting unit is mounted on a skid and stored in the sea container. It is not readily available for use. Discussion about purchasing a trailer for it. JC suggested checking with Mark about using the Water Operator truck. Check with AD for a trailer at auction. JC: MR consider converting 603 to a flat deck. Unresolved. Table to next meeting.</li> <li>MS reviewing AEDs maintenance. The Boat Club has an outdoor unit. Should VAID request an AED be placed on the washroom building in Smithson Park? JS to ask the Texada Recreation Commission.</li> <li>Expectations from Board members. In the past there were usually three members that made the decisions and it was very casual. Now more engaged. JS noted SH is away and signatures will be required on Wednesdays and Fridays. RS, JW and JM can do on-line authorizations. JC JM and GF to sign in the office. All to check email at least once per day.</li> <li>MS mentioned moving Board meetings to an accessible location. JM has mentioned this in the past. Credit Union is an option. MS will investigate. More people needed at meeting. Perhaps the new location will help. The Legion will be for the AGM.</li> </ul>	<p>JS</p> <p>Info</p> <p>JS Board</p> <p>MS</p>

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11. Admin Report	JS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS received donated tools from a resident. A thank-you letter has been prepared. Tax receipt to follow.</li> </ul> <p><b>WATER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawdown times updated with new formula</li> <li>• 6% chlorine research and quotes 12% now</li> <li>• Water reservoir erosion enquiry (Fortis)</li> <li>• UVT information and water system checks</li> <li>• EOCP education/exam enquiries.</li> <li>• Before-You-Dig-Permits</li> </ul> <p><b>FIRE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AED reviewed. Parts received</li> <li>• Hydrant maintenance (with MS/BR) JC noted to use a tripod</li> </ul> <p><b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WTP foundation complete</li> <li>• Grant application work (Cooperators – water intake) Result pending</li> <li>• Mapping updates (multiple locations)</li> </ul> <p><b>MPP (Meter Project)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPP connections, planning, and data updates</li> <li>• Meter setup work</li> <li>• Neptune 360 (online meter system) operational. Present this at AGM</li> <li>• Meter installation records underway</li> <li>• AD providing sand and crushed stone</li> <li>• AD acquired rock saw, vac truck, and pipe freezer</li> </ul> <p><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board meeting</li> <li>• Site meetings with Davis Ventures</li> <li>• Coordination with EOCP, VCH, Fortis</li> </ul> <p><b>ADMINISTRATION / OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emails</li> <li>• Policy binder updates</li> <li>• Inventory completed</li> <li>• Reply from VCH re septic plan</li> <li>• Cyber insurance declined per JS</li> <li>• Reviewed WTP expenses</li> <li>• EOCP credits submission</li> <li>• New toilet for second floor</li> </ul>	Info
12. Financial review	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire accounts – reviewed</li> <li>• Water accounts – reviewed</li> <li>Line 5014 questioned and clarified. Infrastructure, Earl St leak repair</li> <li>• BC Hydro account for Duker Rd (water reservoir tank) closed</li> </ul>	Info

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13. Policy & Bylaw	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenses:</li> <li>Minutes moved to In Camera</li> </ul>	Info
14. Fire Report	MR	<p><b>Emergency Responses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Calls: 1</li> <li>• Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA): 1</li> <li>• Alarm Calls: 0</li> </ul> <p><b>Texada Rescue Responses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVA: 0</li> <li>• Medical: 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Training &amp; Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to review correspondence from smaller departments regarding upcoming changes to the Fire Services Act.</li> <li>• Sent one member to EV car training day in Powell River.</li> <li>• 601 had its annual commercial vehicle inspection completed. Some valves were found to be leaking. New seal kits have been ordered; Buck will install them.</li> <li>• 602 had its annual commercial vehicle inspection. There was a small hole in the tank and Tin Hat services welded a patch on it.</li> <li>• 1/2 of our SCBA backs were tested on Feb 9 in Powell River. The rest will have to be shipped to Vancouver once we get the ones from testing in Powell River back.</li> <li>• Discussion about air brakes course reimbursement vs pre-pay. Is there a policy in place? JC: table until all board members are present.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire report received</li> <li>• VAFD looks after batteries for AED units</li> </ul>	Info
15. Next meeting	JC	Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 pm. Location TBD	Info
16. Meeting adjourned	JC	Meeting adjourned to closed meeting – in camera	
17. Meeting adjourned	JC	Meeting adjourned 5:25pm	
<p>Monthly Board Meeting Wednesdays at 1:30pm, Firehall (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday unless before 11<sup>th</sup>, otherwise 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 2026: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13, June 17, July 15, Aug 12, Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 16; AGM April 28</p>			