

# LEDGEWOOD BEACH WATER DISTRICT

## Special Meeting – March 18, 2017

President Ralph Young called a special meeting of the LedgeWood Beach Water District Commissioners on March 18, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon. Commissioners Ralph Young, Don Pinter, and Dale Hockstra were present. Ralph Young presented a summary of key information given at the Whidbey Island Water and Sewer Association meeting on Thursday, March 16. Among those present at that meeting were representatives of the Washington State Department of Health. It was announced that the state is not going to require water districts to test for fire retardant chemicals (like those found at Outlying Field) at this time, though they may do so in a year or so. This makes it more realistic for LBWD to proceed with independent testing, since we will not be forced to incur the cost of a second test in the immediate future.

The commissioners agreed that it would be wise to allay any fears our customers may have by proceeding. Further, it would demonstrate LBWD's attention to this serious matter.

Therefore, Ralph Young moved that LBWD instruct Whidbey Water Systems to proceed with an independent test for fire retardant chemicals. Dale Hockstra seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Of interest was information presented at the WIWSA meeting indicating that while the fire retardant chemicals of concern are essentially indestructible, they can be removed from water with simple charcoal filtering. Such filtering could be done by individual households or LBWD as a whole if necessary at some point in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.