

SCATCHET HEAD WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCATCHET HEAD WATER DISTRICT, ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON ALLOWING COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS REMOTELY.

WHEREAS, neither state law nor the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) prohibit or limit remote participation, so long as the participant can hear, be heard, and participate effectively in the meeting; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Attorney General's Office issued an opinion concluding that a governing body is allowed, under the OPMA, to meet via telephone or video conference ("remote attendance"); and,

WHEREAS, the Scatchet Head Water District (SHWD) agrees to abide by the usual OPMA requirements to:

- Give proper notice of the meeting time and place
- Ensure that the speaker phone, audio, or video system is set up at the designated meeting place and that it allows attending members of the public to hear all discussion and provide testimony if testimony is required by state law or council rule; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners attending meetings remotely via phone or video conferencing are generally recognized as "in attendance" and count towards making up the quorum for business and have the power to vote on business before the District, and

WHEREAS, if all elected officials are remote, and the meeting place cannot be opened and set up for public access, the meeting must be cancelled.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SHWD will allow Commissioners to attend meetings remotely, as long as all of the requirements stated above are met, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Commissioners who are paid for meeting attendance still get paid for remote meeting attendance.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Scatchet Head Water District at a regular open public meeting held on February 18, 2025.



Jill Lipoti, President and Commissioner



Jaci Mach, Secretary and Commissioner

David Mullins, Treasurer and Commissioner