



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District - Small Conference Room
October 11, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: Thomas Hunter (City of Port Orchard) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Skip Beahm (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) made a motion to approve the minutes from August, with one correction, “*Coordinated Water System Plan.*” Joel Purdy (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) seconded. Minutes approved, pending one correction.

Treasurer’s Report: Diana Temple (SWD) reported: The current statement balance is \$903.01. There are no outstanding debits or credits. The only remaining expense for the year will be to the Kitsap Building Association for our booth at the Home & Garden Show in March. WaterPAK may wait until after the first of the year to pay this, however.

Task Force Reports:

Legislative

- Thomas reported that the City of Port Orchard continues to work on their Foster Pilot Project for mitigation. They have had several meetings with local area tribes and the Department of Ecology (DOE). He gave an update on the recent Joint Legislative Taskforce meeting he attended last week. There are currently five pilot projects and the Legislature seems very supportive of the purveyor’s perspective. Once the plans are submitted to the DOE, they will be turned over to the Joint Legislative Taskforce by November 15, 2018. The City of Port Orchard will have one year to vet the plans and produce a working document.
- If anyone has questions about Hirst/Forster, Thomas will be happy to discuss. He mentioned a current \$300 million DOE Grant for in-stream flow restoration. The deadline is October 31st.

Public Outreach

- Discussion ensued regarding the combination of the conservation taskforce with the electronic media taskforce, all under the umbrella of the public outreach taskforce. Thomas recommended that, quarterly, the public outreach taskforce meet at 9 AM, before the general WaterPAK meeting on the second Thursday of the month.
- The group discussed the future of the WaterPAK website. Tonya Rothe (Manchester Water District) will be taking over control of the website, relieving Melissa Dennis (KPUD). Melissa explained that she does not have a lot of time to work on the website. She did put a tracker on the site and there have been an average of 2.5 visits a day over the past year. Joel suggested that each month, an email with a link to the website be sent out to the group instead of sending the agenda, minutes, etc. as attachments. Thomas would like to see the service area maps on the WaterPAK website. Morgan Johnson (SWD) reminded the group about the original purpose of WaterPAK: to communicate and disseminate information.
- The group discussed the idea of creating a WaterPAK Facebook page. Morgan pointed out that a Facebook page would be a good platform to get WaterPAK information to a vast amount of people. Thomas recommends that WaterPAK polish the website before diving into other social media platforms like Facebook. The group agreed.



- Thomas described a conference he recently attended where he was asked how many service connections WaterPAK represents. He estimated that there are about 88,000 – 92,000 service connections. Morgan would like to see these kinds of facts on the website, e.g. MGD WaterPAK purveyors produce, total gallons of reservoir storage, etc.
- Discussion ensued regarding the WaterPAK booth at the Kitsap Fair in August. Diana and Morgan both liked the backdrops and flooring. Morgan thought the maps had a lot of interest with many people. Tonya thought the member logos were a great addition to connect with the public. Lisa Campbell (City of Bremerton (COB)) discussed the idea of having the booth in the President's Hall, where the craft activities are located. Sid Williams (SWD) and Morgan both feel that having our booth in the Pavilion is the right place. However, putting our booth next to other like-booths, such as Kitsap County, might be more beneficial since we are not selling anything. Morgan suggested we talk to the Parks Department next year about placing our booth with similar entities. Camellia McCool (COB) mentioned that she received some politically-based questions. Sid mentioned that he gets the same types of questions from patrons when out in the field. Camellia suggested the idea of pairing someone in the booth who is experienced with someone who is less experienced. The group agreed with this suggestion. Lisa mentioned that working with someone from a completely separate department is also very beneficial, i.e. admin staff with a field technician.

Conservation

- No report.

Cross-Connection

- No report.

Mapping/GIS

- Thomas gave an overview of new software available through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

New Well

- Morgan talked about the new joint well between SWD and KPUD on Newberry Hill Road. Starting July 2019, a pump test will begin where the well will be pumped continuously for one year at 1000 GPM. Joel described the coordination with the City of Bainbridge Island, North Perry Water, Bangor, and the City of Bremerton that will take place. When the pump test begins, SWD will turn off all their wells that tap into the deep aquifer and will utilize as much of the water as possible that is produced by the Newberry Hill Well. The idea is to monitor the groundwater flow to see how it compares to the current USGS model. Joel would like to see if the aquifers under Seabeck are actually connected to the aquifers under Bainbridge Island.



General Discussion:

WA Department of Health - Office of Drinking Water

- Thomas read an email from Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH ODW) (in her absence), stating that, if anyone has questions about projects while she is out of the office, please call the main DOH ODW line: 360-236-3030. Jocelyne will be checking emails sporadically.

Reservoir Vents

- Brent Winters (West Sound Utility District (WSUD)) reported that WSUD recently had their sanitary survey and were directed to update a couple of their reservoir vents. The DOE wants vents to be protected all the way around so nothing can blow in sideways and contaminate the water. He mentioned a design that BHC Consultants had prepared for North Perry that seems pretty reasonable. Skip asked what the fix looks like. Brent described a mushroom-like cap with an 8" air gap. Sid mentioned that the DOE required SWD to make the same improvements to their reservoir vents following a 2011 sanitary survey. The remedies were made in-house and approved by the DOE.

Kitsap County Public Works

- Chuck Smiley (Kitsap County Public Works) reported that the new Kitsap County paving list for 2019 has just been distributed. Diana will email the link to the group.
- Construction has begun on a new regional stormwater park off of Silverdale Way, north of the dog park.
- Chuck would like to bring a County representative to a future meeting to present on public outreach tactics.

Project bid issues

- Thomas reported that the City of Port Orchard is having little success with receiving multiple project bids. He met with well drillers in Wenatchee last week and found the cost of casing has increased drastically.
- Morgan mentioned that KPUD is having problems getting more than one company to bid; Joel talked about a recent experience they had with receiving bids for a new well.
- Cami Apfelbeck (COB) explained that Bremerton has had issues getting bids also. They normally get at least four or five bids for a project, but lately they have only been receiving one.
- Tonya said that Manchester Water District has had good experiences with Chinook Contractors.
- Morgan suggested waiting until the economy slows down a little to get better deals.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brent seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer