



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District – Large Conference Room
August 9, 2018

Meeting Called to Order:

Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes:

Skip Beahm (SWD) made a motion to approve the minutes. Diana Temple (SWD) identified one correction concerning the DOE's Stormwater Manual update – the Western Washington Manual's comment period is open through November 14, 2018; the Eastern Washington Manual's comment period closed on July 25th. Minutes were approved, pending correction.

Treasurer's Report:

Diana reported: the current statement balance is \$2,137.98. There is a pending debit of \$280.44 for foam flooring from Home Depot for event booths as well as an upcoming expense for the new WaterPAK backdrops, estimated to cost around \$600.00.

Task Force Reports:

Legislative

Thomas Hunter (City of Port Orchard) reported: Overview of Port Orchard's June presentation to the Joint Legislative Taskforce in Olympia, concerning PO's pilot project. Local area tribes were present along with five key specialty districts. The fate of the taskforce is questionable at the moment due to the recent election; they are anticipating their next meeting. City of Port Orchard's pilot project involves drilling a 1500-foot well, which will include the transfer of two separate water rights. The project uses the USGS model to monitor stream flow and demonstrates avoidance by pulling water from the deep aquifer rather than the shallow, increasing in-stream flow. Thomas added that it is more attractive to have Hirst and Foster as two separate conversations. This is easy on the Kitsap Peninsula, but more difficult in other areas around the state. There is concern that the Legislature will rule on Foster without considering all of the components.

Public Outreach

Overview of the layout of our booth at the upcoming Kitsap Fair (August 22 – 26). Diana described the new backdrop. Jason mentioned KPUD's interactive hydrological cycle that will be displayed.

Conservation

No report

Cross-Connection

No report

Mapping/GIS

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None.



Discussion Items:

Archbright & Fully-Effective Employees, Inc.

Jason reported: Overview of Archbright, an off-sight HR company for smaller utilities and organizations for handling human relation-related issues. He also mentioned Fully-Effective Employees, Inc., a third-party employee assistance program that strives to increase morale and performance by reducing accidents, absenteeism, and turnover. They work with employees to help deal with personal problems and addiction.

King County

Jason reported: King County cannot charge rent to utilities for use of county roads and right-of-ways. Susan Daniel (League of Women Voters) added that the issue did not go to trial; the judge made the ruling. Betsy Cooper (League of Women Voters) said that the City of Seattle continues to charge, but the County cannot.

Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water

Fern Schultz (DOH ODW) reported: State Revolving Fund (SRF) cycle will run October 1 – November 30, 2018. There will be a training session on August 15th, detailing how to complete the application.

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) – Registration is now open for the 2018 IACC conference in Wenatchee, October 23 – 25. Operators are invited to attend.

Customer Assistance Programs (CAPs) – for the elderly, etc. Fern will be putting together a CAPs presentation to get the word out about this program. To find more information or programs, Google Customer Assistance Programs – Washington State or MRSC Customer Assistance.

System Improvement Team (Sync) – Created to help utilities coordinate with each other. The team makes recommendations to the legislature each year on how to improve communication.

Well Pump Test & Correlated Water System Plan

Morgan Johnson (SWD) reported: Silverdale Water District and KPUD have partnered to build a new pump station off Newberry Hill Road, allowing both utilities to gain capacity without having to build new reservoirs. Both utilities will join together to conduct a stress-test on the aquifer by pumping the well continuously for 365 days. The water will go right back into the system. The results will be compared to the USGS model. SWD anticipates being able to provide water to the KPUD and vice-versa. There is a new development being built on Eldorado Blvd – KPUD and SWD will be sharing resources to provide water to all customers. Partnerships are key. The primary goal is to push water from Newberry Hill (Seabeck) all the way to Point-no-Point in Hansville. This partnership is a key element for the future of the Correlated Water System Plan.

Contractors and Engineers for Water Infrastructure

Brent Winters (WSUD) reported: Contractors and engineers are so busy right now, it's hard to find local professionals for current projects. Thomas mentioned that Port Orchard put out a bid for some work for the City and they didn't receive a single bid. Brent pointed out that several popular well drillers are retiring and no one is replacing them. Fern says that the State recognizes the shortage in well drillers and water professionals. She added that 52% of Department of Health employees are retiring in the next 3 years. Fern mentioned the Workforce Development Taskforce, which addresses the projected massive retirement numbers through the creation of incentives and scholarships for young people. There's also a private website, similar to MRSC and Builder's Exchange that is specifically for bidding and contracting. Morgan said that Silverdale Water has had success using MRSC for bidding projects. Many utilities have had to venture out to Oregon and California to find adequate well drillers and contractors.



Water System Plan

Fern reported: The Southwest Department of Ecology has claimed that one of their water systems plans was inconsistent through the Direct Review procedure with a watershed plan. Thomas mentioned that a member of King County, during an executive session, had misreported on the City of Port Orchard.

League of Women Voters

Susan thanked Jason for his presentation last Sunday, along with the Health District and Sewer and Stormwater. Susan mentioned that this presentation was the next step to their recent publication, A Practical Guide to Kitsap Water, which was presented to WaterPAK at the June 2018 meeting and can be found on their website LWV-kitsap.org/Water.html. Jason pointed out the idea of presenting on water reuse. Morgan talked about Silverdale's new recycled water video, which will begin production tomorrow.

General Discussion

Christy Shipman (City of Bainbridge) reported that Bainbridge will be getting a new city manager.

Nancy Parrott (Spectra Labs) reported that the lab has a new Microbiologist, Hillary, and a new front office assistant, Ariana. She also introduced her replacement, Angela, who will take over her position after she retires at the end of the month.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer