



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room
February 8, 2018

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

Minutes: Sid Williams (SWD) moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 11, 2018. Jason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The current account balance is \$1700.29. Fourteen dues invoices were sent out on 01/26/18; two utilities have paid.

Task Force Reports: No Report.

Old Business: No Report.

New Business

Presentation by Dan Bannier from RCAC: *Overview of Asset Management – Confidence to Completion*. This presentation will be uploaded to the WaterPAK website.

Discussion Items

Hirst Decision

- Eric Evans (Kitsap Public Health District) gave an update on the latest news concerning the Hirst Decision and water rights. Bob Hunter (KPUD) mentioned that the regulations are now a 5-pack instead of a 6-pack – there is no longer a metering requirement. Bob pointed out that, in Kitsap County, private wells are more common than Group B systems due to the minimal regulatory requirements for private systems. Melina Knoop (Kitsap Public Health District) added that a developer may not be able to drill individual wells within one plat of land with multiple dwellings.
- Bob said that the tribes were not in favor of the new Bill—they felt like they were not being heard.
- Morgan Johnson (SWD) asked about the size of the group. Thomas Hunter (City of Port Orchard) said there are 15 entities within the group.
- Bob explained that no one in this group has a veto - there must be a unanimous agreement.
- Thomas was informed by the City of Port Orchard's legal counsel that the \$300 million, per verbiage in the Bill, will not go to the process.
- Bob pointed out that the Foster case is what the Kitsap Peninsula needs resolved.

Associate Memberships

- Jason mentioned that there are currently four organizations that are interested in becoming Associate members of WaterPAK. Memberships and possible dues amount for these Associate memberships will be discussed at the next WaterPAK meeting.



Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water Update

- Fern Schultz (DOH) mentioned that she still receives concerns from people who want to apply for DWSRF, but do not have asset management or training. Arlene Hyatt (DOH) elaborated that a utility's asset management program can consist of simply an inventory of a system's assets (reservoirs, wells, buildings, etc.) and their assigned values.
- Bob asked Fern if there is information since the passing of the Capital budget. Fern mentioned the Water System Acquisition Rehabilitation Projects (WSARP) and explained how the DOH has shifted the definition of an emergency loan so that receiverships can be integrated into the prioritization of applications. Fern says that most of the money will go to consolidation loans and pre-construction loans starting up again in 2019.
- The WSARP will have the same eligibility standards as the SRF.

General Discussion

- Jason thanked Ned Lever (COB) for starting the asset management discussion. He also thanked Arlene and Fern for setting up the training. Arlene says that she can set up a few more training sessions. Please get in contact with her if you have any ideas on how the DOH can better serve smaller systems.
- May 13, 2018 will be the 25th year of WaterPAK. Kathleen Cahall (COB) has reserved Jarstad Park in Bremerton for a WaterPAK BBQ in lieu of our May meeting.
- Jason mentioned the current WaterPAK Bylaws and their reference to Associate/Junior Memberships. Diana Temple (SWD) will email the current Bylaws to the group for review and discussion at our next meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Sid moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer