



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District – Small Conference Room
July 11, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) made a motion to approve the minutes from June. Jason seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$2,981.61. All 2019 dues have been received. Upcoming expenses for the Kitsap County Fair include potential side-wall backdrops for the booth, drawstring backpacks, and other giveaways.

Task Force Reports:

- **Public Outreach:** Diana mentioned the upcoming Kitsap County Fair from August 21 – 25th. The taskforce is looking into two additional backdrops for the sides of the booth. Each one would be 10’ wide by 8’ tall. In her absence, Diana gave a report from Lisa Campbell (City of Bremerton (COB)): Backpacks are being ordered; car wash coupons are being requested from Shur-Kleen.
- **Legislative:** No report.
- **Conservation:** No report.
- **Cross-Connection:** Diana reported on an email received from Bill Bernier (DOH ODW): He is happy to answer any questions or concerns and provide any information related to cross-connection. Jason asked about group involvement with a Cross-Connection Taskforce. Skip Beahm (SWD) gave the history on the CC Taskforce. Discussion ensued about utility struggles with enforcing premise isolation. The group talked about sending out surveys to customers and the small numbers returned. Marcus Hoffman (SWD) suggested that a reward be offered (drawing for amazon gift cards, etc.). Mark Morgan (KPUD) said that KPUD offers a \$10 credit on customer bills for completing their lead and copper sampling correctly and on time.
- **Mapping/GIS:** No report.

Old Business:

- **Angela Gallardo (Kitsap County Public Works)** gave an overview of the June 20th GIS meeting. Capital project data as well as other utility information has been updated on the website. KPUD and WA Water have signed up already. Anyone can sign up, free-of-charge. The website has tabs for water, sewer, and fiber optics. Angela stressed that any data for underground infrastructure is welcomed. Jason mentioned that KPUD has added all their underground water mains and fiber optics to the website. He would like to see all utilities add any and all confidently accurate information. Shawn commended the beneficial information on the site, especially for upcoming projects – being able to view other utility’s infrastructure and information is extremely helpful.

New Business:

Kitsap Public Health District

- **Eric Evans (Kitsap Public Health District)** gave an update on the recent issues with implementing the new rules for Group B systems.



Wildfire Preparedness

- Angela talked about the County's See-Click-Fix app and its usefulness during a disaster. The app will switch over to show where there are disasters in the County in the event of an area-wide emergency. The primary issue with using the app during a disaster is connectivity.
- Shawn reported on his experience conducting wildfire evaluations within WA Water's systems – the evaluations were an eye-opener. He stressed that being aware that wildfires can occur is very important and being prepared is key. Shawn can provide the outcome of WA Water's California report and results to interested parties.

Earthquake Preparedness

- Skip reported that the USGS has accepted SWD's installation and utilization of ShakeAlert (Varius, Inc.) throughout their system. The specific locations of equipment are still being determined. ShakeAlert will get a signal, and, depending on what criteria SWD sets for the equipment, will alert SCADA of any movement detected.
- Jason asked if the utilities present would be interested in having satellite phones that can share a frequency in the case of an emergency. The cost of a radio is about \$1,500. Shawn mentioned that WA Water is part of the Thurston County CO-OP – they have base radios that encompass all involved utilities. Skip would like to see if the suppliers (HD Fowlers, Ferguson, etc.) would like to be included as well. Jacob Holcombe (WSUD) and Rob Robinson (N. Perry) both said that they use radios in their trucks currently.

Career Fairs

- Diana reported on WaterPAK's possible involvement in upcoming high school career fairs. Mark talked about his recent experience with organizing a presentation for career fairs. KPUD would like to do annual field trips to their treatment facility. Diana mentioned the importance of providing pay scales and benefit information to the students. Jason would like to see WaterPAK put together information that can be handed out.
- Emma Davis (Spectra Labs – Port Orchard) suggested that utilities post their open positions on the WA Job Board (careers.wa.gov). Diana suggested that the new WaterPAK website have a tab for utility members and associates to post job postings. Mark talked about the importance of internships. Angela mentioned that the County hires several employees from their summer internship program. Angela offered to post utility entry level job openings on the County's job board - email the posting to Angela. Jason would like the WaterPAK PO Taskforce to figure out how to compile all the job postings. Shawn talked about the importance of the Skill Center.
- Jason would like ERWOW to come and talk to the group about their apprenticeship program.

General Discussion

- Joel reported that the Newberry Hill pump test will begin Tuesday, July 16th, at 9 AM. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the year-long, 1000 GPM test. Joel reported that the wells involved will be monitored through transducers.
- Mark talked about the instream flow rule (DOE's rule) – The Supreme Court invalidated it. It's high enough for fish, but too low for recreational use. Jim Hay (Robinson Noble) said that this issue came up in a meeting he attended. Discussion ensued about instream flows in relation to water rights.
- Mark mentioned that PUDs have been granted the authority to create hydrogen with their excess electricity, which can be reserved for future use. Joel talked about Grand Coulee Dam and how they use their excess hydrogen to create heat.



- Shawn mentioned ERWOW's 25th anniversary conference in Bremerton next month. He is also attempting to put together a golf tournament for August 26th.
- Jim talked about Port Orchard's "Well 13" that will soon reach around 2,000 feet. It was originally designed to be 1,500 feet, but, due to the mineral composition, further drilling was necessary. The well is presumably tapped into layer 11 (the deep aquifer).

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer