



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District – Large Conference Room
August 8, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Sid Williams (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) made a motion to approve the minutes from July. Joel Purdy (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Diana Temple (SWD) reported that the account balance as of July 31, 2019 was \$2,618.61. There are outstanding debits for two new fair booth side banners as well as fair giveaways.

Task Force Reports:

- **Public Outreach:** Shawn reported that all attendant spots for our WaterPAK booth at the Fair are now covered. He and Jason Nutsford (KPUD) would like to see more involvement from different utility and associate members.
- **Legislative:** In Thomas Hunter’s absence, Diana reported on an email that detailed the latest Amicus Brief, submitted by the WUCC. Included with the email were two documents that provide further details about the motion.
- **Conservation:** No Report.
- **Cross-Connection:** Diana informed the group about an upcoming Cross-Connection Control seminar in Lynnwood that will take place on October 16th.
- **Mapping/GIS:** Angela Gallardo (Kitsap County Public Works) reported on the new centralized utility website. Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) asked if the website will be available to the public. Angela reassured the group that it will not be available to the public and is secure – it is only for water purveyors and other utility members. Angela stressed that it is up to the individual jurisdictions to share what they want to share. Sid pointed out that utilities should not rely on the website for 100% accuracy when locating or planning a project - it is to be used as merely a guide. Shawn mentioned that it is a great tool to use in the event of an emergency. Katrina Harris (KPUD) pointed out that private utilities will be able to view the map, so larger utilities may want to exercise caution with the information they share. Katrina also mentioned the recent correspondence she has been having with an ESRI representative who would like to give a GIS Users Group of Kitsap presentation. Katrina asked if Silverdale Water would be interested in hosting the event. Morgan asked that Katrina and Diana secure a date with the presenting representative.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Shawn introduced Jacki Brown as the new Port Orchard Water Utility Manager. Morgan Johnson (SWD) pointed out that Jacki was the original Chair of WaterPAK.

Discussion Items:

Newberry Hill Well Pump Test

- Joel gave an update on the status of the Newberry Hill Pump Test. Key discussion points included:



- An aquifer level change of about four inches has been observed in a well 2000 feet away. But, overall, no significant changes in aquifer levels have been observed thus far.
- The drawdown cone is expected to stabilize after three months.
- KPUD is currently working with Aspect Consulting on how to modify the USGS model if the results of the pump test prove the current model to be wrong.
- Morgan mentioned that it is known amongst consulting groups that the current USGS model is not accurate. Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) added that the current model is not designed for accurate aquifer monitoring.
- Shawn asked if there has been a decline in water level observed in the Newberry Hill well. Joel said that a drawdown of about a tenth of a foot per day has been observed. Hourly measurements are being collected in the 20 wells within the proximity of the Newberry Well.

Port Orchard Well Update

- Mike Pleasants (City of Port Orchard) gave an update on their Well 13. The total depth is just past 2000 feet.
- Jacki gave an update on the moratorium and explained the difference between nested storage and stacked storage. Port Orchard has always maintained stacked storage. However, they were going down the track of nested storage. Port Orchard is working on getting everything back to stacked storage. They would like to get an interim for the McCormick Woods nested storage. The fire chief makes the final call. Nested considers Standby storage and Fire storage and uses the bigger number.
- The group discussed the issue with the media reporting misinformation.
- Melina Knoop (Kitsap Public Health District) mentioned the concerns of nearby private well owners regarding their wells running dry.

General Discussion:

- Joel reported on an option for mitigation that involved relinquishing the water rights.
- Mike stated that there have been recent discussions by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to modify the Urban Growth Areas (UGAs). Discussion ensued.
- Cami talked about the City of Bremerton's ongoing update to the wellhead protection program. There are areas in Kitsap that have not been a part of the program until now.
- Cami and Joel discussed updating the Comprehensive maps of Kitsap County.
- Mike talked about AWWA's current Board of Directors – he would like to see more board involvement from Kitsap County Utilities. Please contact him if you have any interest in being on the AWWA board. Jacki added that Mike is running for Washington Trustee.
- Chuck Smiley (Kitsap County Public Works) brought up the recent article in the paper about a small water system in Bremerton that has not filed system paperwork for several years. Discussion ensued about the uniqueness of the system and their relationship with the City of Bremerton.
- Jacki mentioned America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 and discussion ensued.
- Shawn talked about ERWOW's upcoming 25th anniversary conference in Bremerton.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer